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Senator Tom Carper
Chairman
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

On behalf of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I write to express support for S. 1863, the "Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable Emissions Intensity and Transparency (PROVE IT)" Act.

The American steel industry is the cleanest and most energy-efficient of the leading steel industries in the world, producing steel with lower carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions intensity than major competing steel industries. However, the domestic industry and our production of lower emissions steel face critical threats. Subsidies and other government trade-distorting policies and practices in many countries continue to contribute to massive global overcapacity in steel. Much of this excess capacity is in countries that are producing steel that is much more carbon emissions-intensive than American steel, including China, India, Indonesia and other Southeast Asian nations.

AISI supports the PROVE IT Act's authorization of a comprehensive Energy Department study to compare the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of certain goods, including steel, produced in the U.S. to the emissions intensity of those same goods produced in other countries. The information from this study will be essential to informing policies to secure the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers and increase the accountability of more GHG-intensive foreign producers.

AISI encourages all members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to support the PROVE IT Act legislation when it is considered in the Committee.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dempsey
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