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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
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The Honorable Rob Portman
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Dear Senators Brown and Portman,

As the trade associations representing America's steel producers, fabricators and workers, we write to express our full support for the Eliminating Global Market Distortions to Protect American Jobs Act of 2021 (S. 1187), introduced on April 15, 2021. We thank you for your continued leadership and commitment on the critical trade issues included in this legislation.

The steel sector is a core part of the U.S. manufacturing base and is essential to our national and economic security. The U.S. companies and their workers who produce and fabricate an array of steel products rely on the availability and effectiveness of the U.S. antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) laws to counter the harmful impact of unfairly traded imports into the U.S. market. These laws are our first line of defense to offset unfair advantages enjoyed by our foreign competitors who leverage their governments' financial largesse and protected home markets to penetrate the U.S. marketplace at the expense of our jobs and livelihoods. Your bill will vastly improve the ability of these laws and the U.S. agencies charged with enforcing them to address foreign efforts to circumvent the remedies Congress intended – remedies that allow the industry to grow jobs, develop infrastructure and serve an economy recovering from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

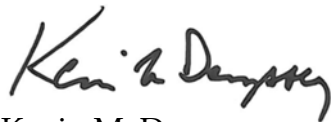
As Congress considers the steps needed to restore and sustain our country's competitiveness in the years ahead, America must ensure that there are fair and effective rules of commercial engagement – an imperative that would be achieved by the enactment of this legislation. Specifically, your legislation elaborates improvements to the structure and application of the AD and CVD laws which will permit the enforcement agencies to more certainly and swiftly address a range of practices which undermine the relief from unfair trade practices that U.S. industry has worked to secure. Passage of your bill is essential if our country is to overcome the difficult challenges of global economic competition which lie ahead.

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Our industry's survival is imperiled by an immense global overcapacity in steel production, capacity which is sustained through foreign government subsidies, supports and other intervention and the facilitation of aggressive export practices intended to dump that excess production in others' markets. Until these kinds of market distortions are no longer a factor in the global marketplace, the United States will need the most effective trade laws and enforcement regime possible to ensure that there is a level playing field where U.S. steel and other manufacturing industries can compete and thrive. Your bill will be instrumental in securing that goal.

The steel industry and its workers thank you for your leadership and stand prepared to work with you to advance this legislation in the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,



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