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President Donald Trump
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Thank you for holding the important meeting on trade earlier this week at the White House. As I mentioned on Tuesday, since your election, I have been eager to work with you to rewrite U.S. trade policy so that it works for American workers. A critical part of reshaping our approach to trade is getting tough on trade enforcement.

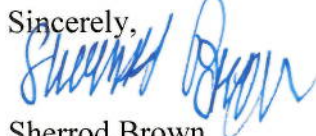
I strongly supported your decision to impose remedies in the Section 201 case on large residential washers. As you know, Whirlpool has a plant of more than 3,000 workers in Clyde, Ohio, where they make washing machines. I have been to that facility many times and met many of the workers there. They are the best in the world. The Section 201 remedies will help those workers in Clyde keep their jobs and led Whirlpool to announce the addition of 200 jobs at that facility.

I urge you to take similarly comprehensive and targeted action in the Section 232 investigation on steel imports. I know some stakeholders are advising you otherwise, but the washers case demonstrated that the U.S. can crack down on trade cheats without roiling the stock market or undermining supply chains. American steelworkers – like the Whirlpool workers in Clyde – are the best in the world at what they do. The ArcelorMittal plant in Cleveland, Ohio is proof of that. That plant was the first ever to produce one ton of steel in just over one worker hour.

Our steel companies and steelworkers deserve the chance to compete on a level playing field, too, and I invite you to come to Ohio and tour a steel mill with me. This opportunity would allow you to see firsthand how impressive our steel manufacturers are and hear directly from the workers about the impact global steel overcapacity and unfair trade practices have had on their jobs and families. In addition, this tour will make sure U.S. steelworkers get to participate in the Section 232 decision-making, which will directly affect their livelihoods.

I hope we can plan this great event together. Moreover, I look forward to working with you to rewrite U.S. trade policy so that it works for American workers.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Hope you
can make the trip to
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