

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 7, 2020

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write to urge you to consider the more than 5,000 American jobs directly supported by the domestic stainless steel industry when considering the latest request from Allegheny Technologies Inc. (ATI) and its Chinese-backed joint venture partner, Tsingshan, for exclusion from the necessary, national-security-focused Section 232 tariffs.

We are pleased that Buying American has been a strong hallmark of your Administration. We are also concerned that buying American stainless steel will not be possible in the future if Chinese firms – heavily subsidized by the Chinese government – are permitted to enter U.S. markets at a significant discount. This is why, last April, the Commerce Department rejected a similar request from ATI, which was seeking to import stainless steel slabs from Tsingshan's Indonesian operations without being subject to the Section 232 tariff. The concern was that the approval of the exclusion request would enable the dumping into the U.S. market massive amounts of Chinese-government subsidized stainless steel slabs at prices well below market value. In making its prior decision, Commerce found that there was sufficient domestic supply available from U.S. stainless steel producers, including those stainless steel companies employing thousands in the communities we represent. The availability of domestic supply has not changed, and in fact in some instances, is even greater. This is the exact type of exploitative behavior the tariffs were designed to stop, to ensure that our hardworking constituents in the American stainless steel industry could compete on a level playing field.

We should continue to put American jobs first and not jeopardize the competitiveness of the American stainless steel industry by providing special treatment to Chinese firms. On behalf of our constituents, we respectfully urge you to stand strong in defense of American industry and prioritize the thousands of hard-working Americans in the domestic stainless industry when considering tariff exclusion requests from ATI for the importation of stainless steel slabs.

Sincerely,

  
HAL ROGERS  
Member of Congress

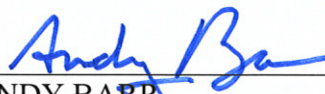
  
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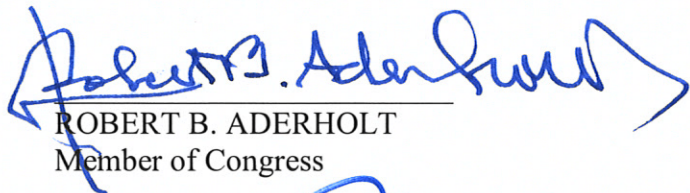
  
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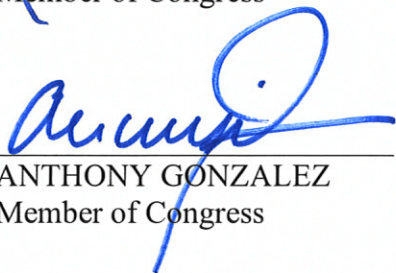
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