



# Iron Ore Alliance

An alliance between the United Steelworkers and U. S. Steel



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The Honorable Michael Froman  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

CC: U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker  
U.S. Steel CEO Mario Longhi

Dear Ambassador Froman:

Minnesota iron ore is critical to steelmaking in the United States. The health of northeastern Minnesota's mining industry – and the region's economy – depends on this natural resource. The economic devastation plaguing workers, families, businesses, and entire communities on the Iron Range as a result of illegal and unfair trade practices is unacceptable.

As co-chairs of the Iron Ore Alliance – a joint initiative between the United Steelworkers and U. S. Steel – we respectfully request the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) initiate an investigation under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 against respondents named in a complaint filed by U. S. Steel on April 26, 2016. The men and women of the American steel industry and Minnesota iron ore industry deserve this opportunity to right the wrongs they continue to endure by no fault of their own.

We are grateful for your dedication to addressing the global overcapacity of steel and the related trade issues affecting the American manufacturing industry. However, the U. S. Steel Section 337 complaint is a private right of action that warrants fair consideration and an extensive investigation as soon as possible.

The Iron Ore Alliance supports work that prevents unfairly-traded steel imports from further harming Minnesota workers and their families. Thank you in advance for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Masciantonio".

Chris Masciantonio  
United States Steel Corporation  
Iron Ore Alliance Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rebrovich".

John Rebrovich  
United Steelworkers  
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