



May 5, 2016

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

Dear Ambassador Froman,

We are writing to urge full consideration of the Section 337 complaint filed by U. S. Steel Corporation alleging unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation and sale of steel products in the United States. U. S. Steel is an important industry in Minnesota employing thousands of Minnesotans, either directly or indirectly through its trade partners. U.S. Steel should be permitted to present its case, advance its theories and evidence, and probe the activities of the respondents regarding their alleged unlawful trade practices. The good men and women of the American steel industry, including those employed by U.S. Steel in Minnesota, deserve this opportunity to examine respondents through established means of discovery.

The impact of Chinese steel produced with unfair methods of competition and other illegal practices has a profoundly negative impact on our national economic health and our nation's national security interests.

While we commend your efforts to address the global imbalance in steel trade, U. S. Steel's Section 337 complaint is a private right of action and warrants full consideration and a robust investigation. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives

Tom Bakk
Senate Majority Leader
Minnesota Senate

