

May 20, 2016

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

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

Dear Ambassador Froman:

As elected leaders in mining communities on Minnesota's Iron Range, we strongly support the Section 337 complaint filed by U. S. Steel Corporation against illegal methods and unfair acts in the importation and sale of steel products in our country. As a result of these actions, families in northeast Minnesota are being devastated and our communities are suffering from a declining tax base.

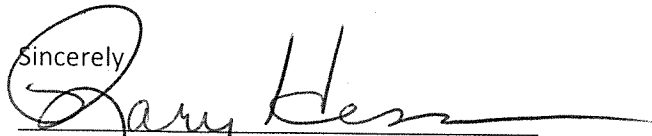
We respectfully urge the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to initiate an investigation under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

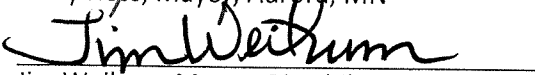
We understand the following allegations have been made against the complaint's respondents: illegal conspiracy to fix prices and control output and export volumes; the theft of trade secrets by industrial espionage; and the circumvention of hard-won duties ordered by the ITC and Department of Commerce by false labeling and transshipment. These allegations are extremely troubling and warrant a robust investigation. We can personally attest to the profound economic harm these illegal and unfair practices are inflicting upon the people of Minnesota.

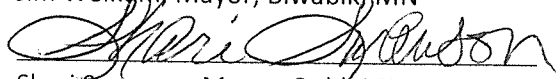
The good men and women of Minnesota's mining industry deserve to see the ITC act on this matter as quickly as possible. We urge you to ensure that U. S. Steel Corporation is provided a full and fair opportunity to present the facts and make its case against the complaint's respondents. Workers and families who live on Minnesota's Iron Range should have the opportunity to witness our adjudicatory process function properly in this critical legal action.

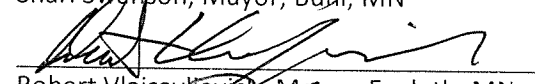
Thank you for your consideration and attention to the concerns of our respective communities.

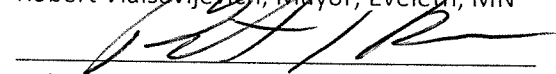
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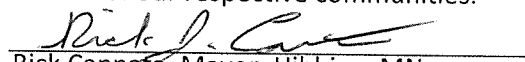

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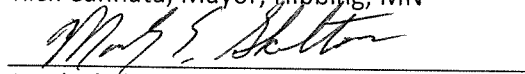

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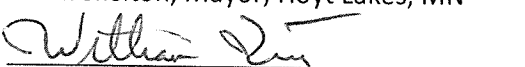

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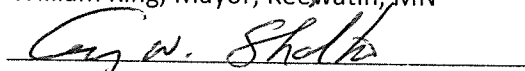

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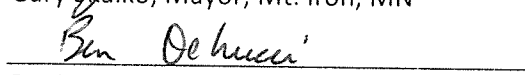

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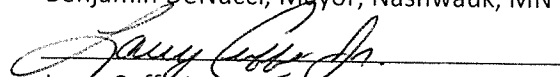

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