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May 20, 2016

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman:

We are members of the Minnesota State Legislature who represent Minnesota's Iron Range. The taconite mines are important to our communities and to the entire state of Minnesota. We are writing to offer our full support of the Section 337 complaint filed by U. S. Steel Corporation against the illegal, unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation and sale of steel products in the United States.

The allegations against these respondents are disturbing: Illegal conspiracies 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.

We strongly urge this Administration to ensure that U. S. Steel Corporation is permitted to present its case, advance its theories and evidence, and probe the activities of the respondents. The good men and women of the Minnesota taconite industry and the rest of the American steel industry deserve this opportunity to examine respondents under penalty of perjury and compel relevant documents. Moreover, the American people deserve to witness our adjudicatory process at its best in the bold, legal action.

This U. S. Steel 337 investigation must go forward. The impact of Chinese steel produced with these 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.

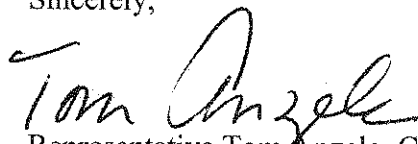
While we commend you and the Administration for your steadfast efforts to address the global overcapacity of steel and the myriad trade issues affecting the American manufacturing industry, the U. S. Steel Section 337 complaint is a private right of action and warrants full consideration and a robust investigation.



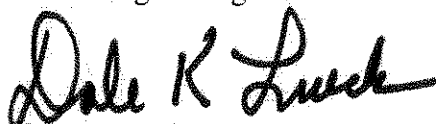
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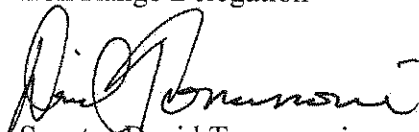
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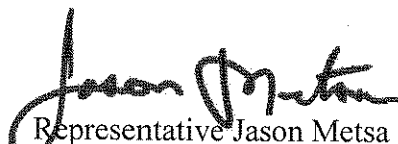
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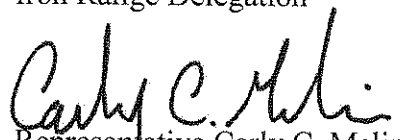

Representative Tom Anzels, Chair
Iron Range Delegation

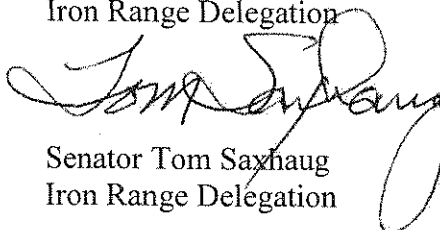

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cc: The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
Mr. Mario Longhi, President & CEO, U. S. Steel Corporation