

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204
U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

We write today as members of the Congressional Steel Caucus to express our support for trade legislation that will strengthen the American steel industry and allow American steel workers to compete on a level playing field in our global economy.

The Congressional Steel Caucus is a bi-partisan group of over 100 Members of Congress that represent companies and employees involved in the steel industry. On March 26, 2015, the Steel Caucus convened a hearing on the State of the Steel. During this hearing, chief executive officers from leading steel companies, including U.S. Steel, ArcelorMittal, and Nucor, as well as a representative from the United Steelworkers, expressed concern about the shortcomings of U.S. trade remedy laws, which are the means by which the American steel industry can mitigate the harm from unfairly traded foreign imports. However, by the time this mitigation process is complete, the American jobs are already lost and the American companies have already lost their market share.

We ask that the House consider trade remedies reflecting the provisions advanced by the Senate Committee on Finance as well as those adopted on the Senate floor, which will allow the American steel industry to accomplish the following:

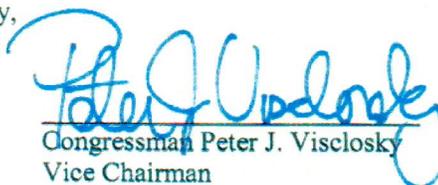
- Strengthen and improve our anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws;
- Establish a means to petition Customs and Border Protection to take action in a timely manner to combat the evasion of anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders;
- Enhance the ability of the Department of Commerce to select appropriate facts when a foreign party fails to cooperate with an unfair trade investigation;
- Clarifies that the International Trade Commission (ITC) should not deny relief merely because the domestic industry is profitable or because its performance has recently improved, and clarify the factors the ITC should consider in making its material injury determination;
- Provide the Department of Commerce with the flexibility to use prices or costs that are not distorted when calculating dumping and clarifies its authority regarding the selection of voluntary respondents.

We thank you for your consideration. Steel is an essential component of our national security and domestic manufacturing base, and we must do all that we can to ensure its survival in our global economy.

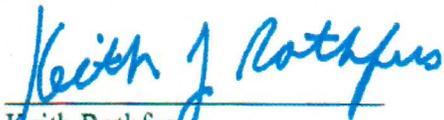
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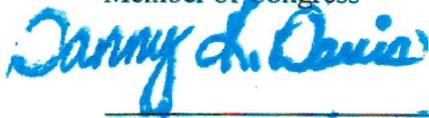


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Vice Chairman
Congressional Steel Caucus

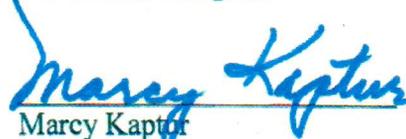

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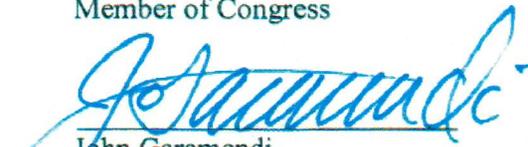

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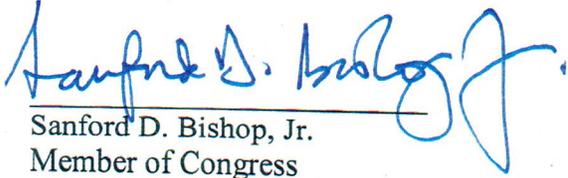

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Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress