

January 28, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to thank you for your leadership on steel and for your steadfast commitment to bringing about a major resurgence in American manufacturing. Your actions are yielding positive results, with companies making new manufacturing investments in the United States and reshoring production that had been taken offshore due to past, misguided trade policies that devastated U.S. manufacturing.

Your strengthening of the Section 232 steel measures, including increasing the tariffs to 50% and extending coverage to the steel content in certain downstream derivative steel products, is working to reduce unneeded imports and reinvigorate American steel production. In addition, the Section 232 tariffs on autos, auto parts, and medium- and heavy-trucks should lead to an increase in steel demand as companies seek to procure U.S.-made steel.

While we are starting to see tangible, positive results from these actions, the full benefits of your commonsense trade policies will take time to materialize. Auto parts from Canada and Mexico, for example, remain exempt from Section 232 tariffs pending further guidance on implementation. In addition, many importers are underreporting the true value of the steel in steel derivative articles to avoid tariff liability. As steel and steel-consuming manufacturers consider commitments to build more U.S. capacity, and as the benefits of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act begin to take hold, certainty with respect to Section 232 measures is more important than ever.

It is critical that the tariffs you established on steel and steel-containing goods remain fully intact. Long-term certainty is essential for companies considering major capital investments in the United States. Accordingly, with respect to continued negotiations with U.S. trading partners, we respectfully encourage you to ensure that the Section 232 steel tariffs remain fully in place.

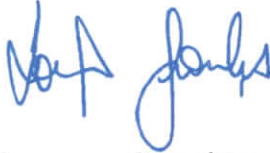
As the 2026 review of the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA) begins, we strongly support your Administration's objective to strengthen rules of origin for steel, autos and other steel-intensive goods. We also back efforts to get Canada and Mexico to impose Section 232-

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like measures to shield their respective home markets from global steel excess capacity. However, even if Canada and Mexico take steps to address imports at their borders, the U.S. Section 232 steel tariffs must remain in place and should continue to apply to steel imports from both Canada and Mexico – historically two of the biggest importers of steel to the U.S. market.

We are deeply grateful for the steps your Administration has taken to strengthen our domestic steel industry and encourage a resurgence of American manufacturing. We ask that you remain steadfast in your Section 232 policies and continue to resist calls by U.S. trading partners to weaken these critically important national security tariffs.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Howard Lutnick, U.S. Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative