

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Obama:

We are writing with great concern for the 2,080 Illinois steelworkers affected by U.S. Steel's recent decision to idle its facility in Granite City. We request a face-to-face meeting with your Office of the United States Trade Representative and the United States Department of Commerce to discuss our concerns over the illegal dumping of foreign steel into U.S. markets.

While U.S. Steel cited a number of factors that influenced its decision to idle the plant, including reduced oil prices, in testimony before the Congressional Steel Caucus on March 26th, the President of U.S. Steel, Mario Longhi, and other steel executives cited the presence of illegally dumped and subsidized foreign steel as causing significant harm to domestic steel producers. Also, while we understand multiple factors contribute to the current economic environment for steel, we share the industry's concern that lax enforcement of existing trade laws may be harming domestic markets.

The purpose of our meeting will be to discuss the Administration's enforcement efforts under current law against foreign entities violating United States trade laws and international trade agreements to ensure that domestic steel producers are able to operate on a level playing field.

Because thousands of Illinois steelworkers, their families, and countless small businesses in Granite City depend on fair and free markets for steel, we ask for your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

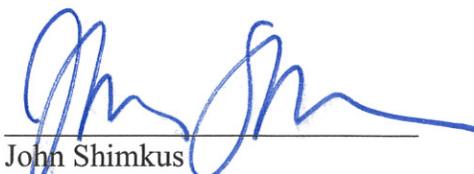


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