August 25, 2017

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

This letter is to inquire about the ongoing Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel. President Trump suggested that the investigation would be complete by June 2017. Congress has not been informed on the timeline of the investigations or when to expect the report. I encourage you and your department to move quickly to finalize the ongoing Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel. The American steel industry cannot wait any longer for relief from unfair trading practices.

Certain countries, particularly China, have flooded our markets with inferior steel products that have decimated production in our domestic steel industry. Our steel workers can compete with anyone in the world, but they need to do so on a level playing field. The continued dumping of foreign-made steel is resulting in lost jobs, reduction in capacity, and contributing to the real possibility that our country will not have the means manufacture steel for national defense.

We have a duty to protect our country, our workers, and the economic livelihood of their communities and I look forward to receiving your response on the status of the Section 232 investigation.

Sincerely,

Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress