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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I am writing to urge my strong support for the timely completion of the Section 232 Investigation of Steel Imports on National Security. We must send a strong message of support to our iron ore and steel workers, and a message to China and other trade cheater nations that illegal steel dumping into our marketplace will not be tolerated.

Moreover, we must also send a message to the World Trade Organization that we are willing to exercise our rights under Article 21 of the General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade to ensure our national security. The House recently did so when it passed the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, which included my bipartisan amendment declaring the sense of Congress that a strong domestic iron ore and steel industry is vital to the national security of the United States.

Up here in Northern Minnesota, we’re still proud of the fact that America won World War II with Iron Range iron ore and U.S. steel and we must ensure these industries continue to have the capacity to protect our Nation from enemies now and in the future.

To that end, I urge you to quickly release the findings of the Section 232 investigation so President Trump can take action to support our iron ore and steel workers and stop the flood of illegal steel imports which threaten our national security.

Thank you for your dedication to our domestic iron ore and steel industry and I look forward to working with you on these issues going forward.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Nolan
Member of Congress