The Honorable Wilber Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I write to convey my strong support for the American steel industry and inquire about the status of the Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel. Many of the steelworkers I represent in Ohio’s 13th Congressional District have been negatively impacted by unfair trade practices. The illegal dumping of foreign steel, aluminum, and pipeular tubing into American markets has hurt the economy of my state and warrants swift, decisive action.

In Ohio, the global oversupply of these goods has had a devastating effect on steel pipe and tube production, especially for companies in my district. I know firsthand what happens when a local plant is forced to close and workers lose a reliable source of income; it has a profound rippling effect that impacts every member of the community. As a proud member of the Congressional Steel Caucus and co-founder of the Congressional Manufacturing Caucus, I am committed to strengthening America’s steel industry and ensuring our steelworkers are protected from unfair practices. These men and women are not asking for a handout. They are only asking for a level playing field on which to compete.

The deadline set by President Trump for releasing the results of the Section 232 investigation has come and gone. Our steel industry and steelworkers have been left to languish without answers. I urge you to expedite the completion of this investigation and make addressing the issues raised a foremost priority of the Department of Commerce and the Trump administration.

Manufacturing is the stabilizing force behind our local and national economy. Without a strong domestic steel industry, we will not have a strong economic recovery. I appreciate your attention to this critical issue, and I look forward to continue working with you to protect steelworkers in Ohio and across the country.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress