The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
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Secretary Ross,

I am writing to inquire about the status of the ongoing Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel, and to encourage the Department of Commerce and the Administration to take swift and strong action to protect the domestic steel industry that is so critical to America’s national security and its economy.

As I personally stated to you during the July 27th Ways and Means Committee Briefing, I represent thousands of steelworkers who have been harmed or who have lost their job because of illegally subsidized and dumped steel from around the globe. Not only have hardworking steelworkers in cities like Fairfield, Alabama lost their jobs, but the ripple effects have wreaked havoc on local economies. America’s steelworkers are not asking for a handout. They are only asking that they can compete on a level playing field.

President Trump suggested that both the steel and aluminum 232 investigations would be completed by June, but we are well past the President’s deadline, and Congress still does not have a clear understanding of when the reports will be concluded. Our steel industry and steelworkers cannot wait any longer for relief.

I continue to hope that the Department of Commerce’s Section 232 investigation will be completed as soon as possible, and recommend a broad remedy to the global overcapacity crisis. I appreciate your attention to this critical issue, and I look forward to continue working with you to protect our American steelworkers from predatory trade practices.

Sincerely,

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress