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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
503 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2335 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honor J.D. Vance  
288 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Shontel Brown  
U.S. House of Representatives  
449 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Brown and Vance and Representatives Wenstrup and Brown,

On behalf of the American Wire Producers Association (AWPA) – the leading voice of the U.S. ferrous wire and wire products industry – I write to express our organization’s support for your bipartisan legislation (S. 3376 / H.R. 6541) to help companies receive refunds for Section 232 duties paid on certain steel products that were granted product exclusions retroactively by the Commerce Department’s Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). This legislation is a well-crafted, targeted fix for a finite number of companies who were granted product exclusions retroactively and have not yet been reimbursed.

As you know, because of the delay in granting the resubmitted product exclusion requests in question, by the time the requests were granted retroactively by BIS, the import entries had finally liquidated and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had no statutory power to implement the decisions. It is our understanding that Commerce remains willing to assist in applying the granted exclusions, but that CBP must reopen the entries in question and can only do so as a result of legislation. To that end, we are grateful for your collaboration with both Commerce and CBP to develop this targeted solution.

Notably, more than a half dozen AWPA member companies stand to benefit from your legislation. The resubmitted exclusions in question were granted to the AWPA companies’ facilities in Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas.

Thank you for your ongoing support for steel producers in Ohio and across the country, and thank you for your bipartisan cooperation to help these companies obtain the refunds owed to them.

Sincerely,

*Tim Becker*

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