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All-Party Parliamentary Steel Caucus
Co-Chair, Bob Bratina, MP
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House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Members of the All-Party Parliamentary Steel Caucus,

As you know, on Monday, March 19, 2018, I requested an emergency debate on the urgent situation of the possible future levying of duties on Canadian steel and aluminum exports to the United States. Unfortunately, the Speaker did not allow this discussion to take place in the House of Commons; therefore, I would like to propose that the All-Party Parliamentary Steel Caucus hold an emergency meeting next week to discuss this issue.

It was to my great relief that Canada was exempted from this action. However, as this is only a temporary exemption, any future tariffs would – if implemented – have disastrous repercussions on the Canadian steel and aluminum industries, and the thousands of workers in those industries.

As you well know, the steel industry in Canada employs 22,000 workers directly and over 100,000 workers indirectly; and the aluminum industry employs 8,300 workers directly and over 20,000 workers indirectly. These are good-paying family and community supporting jobs across the country that we cannot afford to lose.

It is necessary for Members of the All-Party Parliamentary Steel Caucus to address the increasing amount of Canadian jobs and livelihoods that would be negatively impacted in all of our communities.

I request that we hold this meeting as soon as possible and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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