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Honourable Bill Morneau
Minister of Finance
90 Elgin Street, Floor 17
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Dear Minister Morneau,

I am writing to you today to follow up on a letter I sent you on March 15, 2019 regarding the absolute need to impose final steel safeguard measures.

In my previous letter, I outlined the incredible contribution the steel sector makes to the Canadian economy and the considerable amount of good-paying, community-building jobs it provides. We both know the hits our steel industries have taken over the past several years due to the illegal dumping of cheap, dirty steel by other countries around the world into our economy. We also are fully aware of the devastating impact the illegal tariffs imposed by the Trump administration have had on our steel sector. It is imperative that these illegal tariffs be removed and for your government to use all strategies possible, including refusal to ratify the new North American Free Trade Agreement. In addition, of equal importance, for the protection of steel jobs, is the imposition of permanent safeguard measures.

Despite the recent ruling from the Canadian International Trade Tribunal that 5 of the 7 ongoing safeguard measures are not warranted, key leaders within the industry vehemently disagree. The Canadian Steel Producers Association, the United Steelworkers of Canada, Alta Steel, Gerdau, ArcelorMittal Dofasco, Stelco and Algoma Steel all agree that the temporary safeguards your government put in place have helped to stabilize the Canadian steel market, but now permanent action is required. I urge you to follow the lead taken by the European Union and ensure the 23,000 direct and 100,000 indirect jobs in this sector are protected in Canada.

I look forward to your response. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Ramsey".

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