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Iron and Steel
Institute**

Steelgram

Immediate Attention Requested

June 11, 2015

To: **Members of the U.S. House of Representatives**
House staff assigned to steel and/or trade issues

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF
2015 (H.R. 644) AND THE TRADE ACT OF 2015 (H.R. 1314)**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the U.S. producer members of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I write to request that you support H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 and the Ryan manager's amendment to the bill, as well as H.R. 1314, The Trade Act of 2015. The Ryan manager's amendment to H.R. 644 contains trade law improvement provisions strongly supported by AISI and adopted by the U.S. Senate in its version of the customs and trade enforcement bill. These provisions will ensure that the U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws remain effective tools for U.S. companies and workers to combat foreign unfair trade practices and are critical to the steel industry which is currently faced with a surge of unfairly trade foreign steel imports.

The U.S. trade remedy laws are presently the only means by which U.S. industry can mitigate the harm inflicted by dumped and subsidized imports. However, the effectiveness of those laws has been weakened over time. The trade law provisions in the Ryan manager's amendment will make important improvements to the administration of the trade remedy laws in a WTO consistent manner and will go a long way in promoting fairer competition for U.S. industry and workers.

Adopting improvements in our trade remedy laws at the same time that Congress passes TPA will help ensure that the U.S. government strengthens our existing trade enforcement regime while it negotiates new trade agreements. Accordingly, AISI supports passage of both the customs bill (H.R. 644), as amended with the provisions of the Ryan manager's amendment, and the TPA legislation (H.R. 1314). We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and to ensuring that both bills are signed into law expeditiously.

Please vote YES on H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, and on H.R. 1314, the Trade Act of 2015.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of American manufacturing.

Sincerely,

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