

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 16, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write concerning the detrimental impact Section 232 aluminum tariffs are placing on our states. We thank the administration for its continued support of the domestic aluminum industry. However, we believe the conclusion of the United State Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) negotiations presents an opportune time to terminate aluminum tariffs on our North American partners and thereby provide economic certainty to domestic stakeholders.

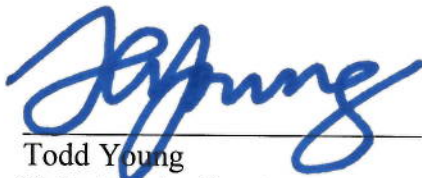
Our states are leading producers of aluminum and are also home to numerous downstream manufacturers that rely upon a stable aluminum supply chain. In each of our states, the aluminum industry relies on an intertwined regional manufacturing supply chain with Canada that is being distorted by the ongoing 232 aluminum tariffs.

We join the aluminum industry in their support of combating the central issue of global aluminum overcapacity, China's economic aggression. It is important that America stand united with our key global partners that share our concerns regarding China's illicit trade practices. In 2004, Chinese producers maintained a nearly nonexistent presence in the U.S. aluminum market. However, the past decade we have witnessed an unprecedented increase in unfair trade practices from China that continue to stifle American growth in the aluminum industry.

Together with our North American allies, America can more effectively discourage China's economic aggression. On behalf of the thousands of our constituents that rely upon a stable aluminum industry, we urge you to swiftly enter into an earnest trade dialogue with our partners to eliminate the 232 aluminum tariffs in North America before the USMCA is signed, and thereby stabilize the aluminum industry supply chain and support these American workers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your continued dedication to protect American jobs.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator