

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write concerning pending action on the Section 232 investigation into national security concerns regarding the importation of aluminum. On behalf of Hoosier stakeholders, I thank you for your attention to this vital American industry and respectfully ask you to focus on overcapacity in China as a final recommendation is implemented.

In 2004, Chinese producers maintained a nearly nonexistent presence in the U.S. aluminum market. However, over 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, including in my home state of Indiana.

Indiana plays a vital role in the domestic industrial base with significant aluminum production and downstream users of aluminum products. The aluminum industry represents approximately 45,000 Hoosier jobs and these stakeholders maintain concern that China's illicit practices may inadvertently result in a 232 remedy that adversely impacts American stakeholders and our closest trade partners. In Indiana, the aluminum industry relies on a complex regional manufacturing supply chain that could be disturbed by a far-reaching 232 remedy.

With that said, I urge you to focus on the job-killing impact of Chinese overcapacity, while considering the important impact that many other U.S. aluminum trading partners have on jobs in America. It is important that America stand united with our key global partners that share our concerns about China. Any final 232 remedy should ensure that American producers and fabricators of intermediate aluminum products realize the beneficial effects of any final remedy. On behalf of my Hoosier job creators, I urge you to enact a balanced 232 remedy that focuses on the source of the global overcapacity problem, enact an accurate monitoring system to track the possibility of circumvention, and ensure American job creators are held harmless in any final decision.

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

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator