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November 3, 2014

The Honorable Meredith Broadbent
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20436

**RE: Certain Welded Line Pipe From Korea and Turkey
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-524-525 and 731-TA-1260-61 (Preliminary)**

Dear Chairman Broadbent,

I write with regard to the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on imports of Certain Welded Line Pipe from Korea and Turkey, which cases were filed on October 16, 2014. As the Commission begins the preliminary phase of this investigation, I would ask that this letter be included into the record for the Preliminary Conference which will be held at the Commission on November 6, 2014.

The petitioners in this investigation represent the majority of the domestic industry manufacturing welded line pipe. In fact, two of these companies, Energex and TMK IPSCO are located in my Congressional district. Welded line pipe is used to transport oil and natural gas from fields to larger pipelines for eventual use by refineries and utilities.

The domestic industry filed these cases in order to obtain relief from these unfairly traded imports which have created less than a favorable economic climate for companies. These cases have carefully documented the impact of growing levels of dumped and subsidized imports from Korea and Turkey. At the preliminary conference representatives from the domestic industry and labor will explain why this investigation should proceed.

I remain concerned that without a level playing field this important sector of the nation's steel industry will not be able to continue to compete. These companies are innovative and efficient manufacturers of a high value product that is critical to our nation's economic growth. Ohio and other nearby states have benefitted from these investments and the economic benefits they have provided to our economy and to workers at these facilities.

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Ohio has some of the most talented and highly productive workers in the world, and all they have ever asked for is a level-playing field. It is important that we provide this industry with opportunities to serve their customers and contribute to the nation's economic recovery. This can only be done if trade is conducted fairly. Allowing this investigation to proceed will ensure that the industry can obtain relief from these unfairly traded imports.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comments in support of this industry and its workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" and last name "Ryan" clearly distinguishable.

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress