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July 27, 2020

The Honorable Jason Kearns
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from Czechia, Korea, Russia and Ukraine
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-654-655 and 731-TA-1529-1532

Dear Chairman Kearns:

We understand that the Commission will hold a preliminary conference on July 29, 2020 to consider antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) petitions on imports of certain Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from Czechia, Korea, Russia and Ukraine. These petitions were filed on July 8, 2020 by Vallourec Star, LP, a global leader in the production of energy tubular products and the largest producer of energy tubular products in the United States. The company has three facilities in the U.S. including its largest facility in Youngstown, Ohio, which is located in my congressional district.

These seamless steel tubular products are primarily used in the energy sector to extract and transport oil and gas throughout the United States. Over the past few years, imports of these products have increased from the subject countries in this investigation. Of concern to the domestic industry is the unfair practice of dumping and subsidization of imports which have created challenging economic conditions for the industry and its workers. The industry alleged dumping margins in the ranges of 48-49% for Czechia; 119-132% for Korea; 30-246% for Russia and 40% for Ukraine. Significant subsidy programs are also alleged in the petition on imports from Korea and Russia.

We recognize the importance of the domestic industry and its role in the U.S. economy. We also know that it is important that the industry and its workers have the tools to challenge unfair trade and that the appropriate remedy will allow them to regain their footing and compete now and into the future.

We thank the Commission for providing us with this opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress