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United States Senate  
Senate Office Buildings  
Washington, D.C. 20510

*Re: Please Pass the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act (H.R. 2378)*

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the Steel Industry Coalition (SIC), we write to urge Senate passage of H.R. 2378, the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act during the lame-duck session. The fragile U.S. economy and 15 million unemployed Americans can no longer permit China – the world’s second largest economy and the world’s largest exporter – to continue a mercantilist trade policy of massive currency manipulation.

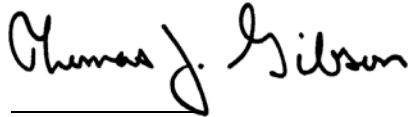
The trade-distorting practice of Chinese currency manipulation is hammering the U.S. steel industry, our customers, our suppliers, U.S. workers and U.S. communities. It is enabling China to maintain a nearly \$30 billion per month trade surplus with the United States. Each month, China exports five times as much to the United States as it imports from the U.S. The U.S. steel industry is a major exporter, but we also face unfair Chinese competition in our world export markets.

Ben Bernanke, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, called Chinese currency manipulation an unfair export subsidy. We agree and that is why we strongly support the provisions of H.R. 2378. This legislation would allow the Department of Commerce to make countervailable those export subsidies when imports have increased and have injured the U.S. industry. The legislation is consistent with WTO obligations which allow countries to offset subsidized imports with duties.

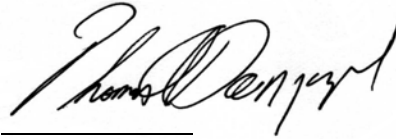
Collectively, the nearly 100 member companies of our four organizations represent virtually the entire U.S. steel industry. We have over 135,000 direct employees, but hundreds of thousands of additional jobs related to this critical manufacturing sector are also dependent on the industry.

For nearly a decade, past Administrations have had endless diplomatic negotiations with China about allowing its currency to float without success. The Chinese government refused to budge and their President says that allowing their currency to float will cause millions of Chinese jobs to be lost. Our response to that statement is “what about U.S. jobs that were stolen from the United States through currency manipulation?” It is time for the Congress to act to support American jobs and communities. Please pass H.R. 2378 during the lame-duck session.

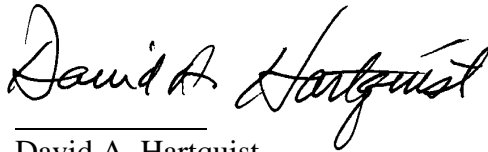
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