

United States Senate

July 16, 2014

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

RE: Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from India, Korea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-499-500 and 731-TA-1215-1223 (Final)

Dear Chairman Broadbent:

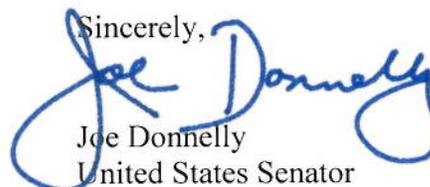
I strongly encourage the Commission to uphold the recent Department of Commerce ruling that additional duties should be levied on unfairly traded imports of oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from India, South Korea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam. The American steel industry is very important to our economy, and I am deeply concerned that the industry will suffer at the expense of bad foreign actors unfairly trading certain goods.

As you know, the steel industry's presence in my home state of Indiana supports more than 150,000 jobs. Hoosier workers are among the best in the world and are eager to continue supporting an industry that has, over time, formed the backbone of the American economy and provided good, quality jobs for countless families. In order to further the prosperity shared by generations of working families, we must ensure that the domestic steel industry is able to fairly compete in the global marketplace.

Hoosier steelworkers do not ask for hand-outs and demand no special treatment; instead, they merely seek a level playing field so that they can distinguish their high quality of work. We must reward those who play by the rules with good trade policies that create jobs, fuel economic growth, and benefit consumers. Unfortunately, the benefits of good trade policies are unattainable when others circumvent laws put in place to create a fair marketplace. As the Department of Commerce recently found, some foreign producers of OCTG continue to exploit our markets with no regard for the law, and their unfair practices must be stopped before further harm is caused to the domestic steel industry.

With this in mind, I respectfully ask the Commission to assess duties against the specified OCTG imports that cause material injury to the U.S. steel industry. Whether a product is made in St. Joseph County, Indiana, or Seoul, South Korea, all market participants must respect agreed-upon international standards and conduct their business in good faith.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator