

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 25, 2011

The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: **Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea:**
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-388-391, 731-TA-817-821

Dear Chairman Okun:

We write to urge you to maintain the existing antidumping and countervailing duty orders against unfairly traded imports of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea. This outcome is critical to the future of the U.S. plate industry and its workers.

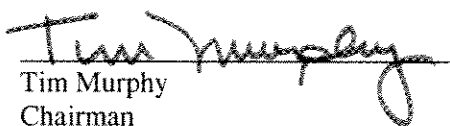
A modern and innovative domestic steel plate industry is essential to our country's competitiveness. Indeed, steel plate is used in many applications that are vital to the U.S. economy, including the manufacture of heavy equipment, rail cars, barges, refinery tanks and wind towers. However, the U.S. steel plate industry remains very vulnerable to injury from unfairly traded imports.

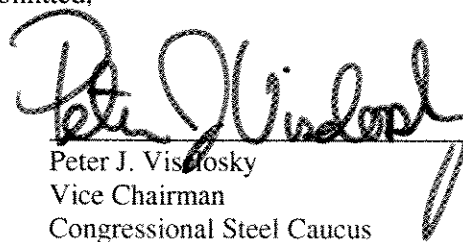
As a result of the global economic recession, demand for cut-to-length steel plate dropped to historic lows in the United States and around the world. Recovery is slow and uncertain, and demand for plate is well below pre-recessionary levels. At the same time, plate producers in India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea continue to increase production well in excess of demand and continue to add new capacity, resulting in significant oversupply and overcapacity in the world plate market. Given the current state of the domestic industry and the ability of these countries to send significant quantities of plate to the U.S. market, removing the existing trade orders would result in significant exports of plate to the United States and devastation to the domestic industry.

On behalf of the domestic steel plate industry, its workers, and the communities in which they live, we strongly urge you to maintain the existing orders against unfairly traded imports of cut-to-length steel plate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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