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To: All Members of the House of Representatives

On behalf of the U.S. steel industry, we write in support of H.R. 2378, the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act as amended and reported by the House Ways and Means Committee on Friday, September 24, 2010.

The House Ways and Means Committee has had a number of hearings over the past year on China's currency undervaluation and the impact it is having on U.S. manufacturing, domestic jobs, the nation's trade deficit and our economic recovery. An overwhelming number of witnesses, including prominent economists, have agreed that China's currency may be undervalued by as much as 40 percent. That makes this market-distorting practice the largest subsidy that the government of China provides to its manufacturers. As Secretary Geithner has recently acknowledged, it also encourages the outsourcing of production and jobs, and makes it more difficult for American-produced goods and services to compete with Chinese-made goods and services both here and abroad.

Attempts by the current and previous Administration to address Chinese government currency manipulation diplomatically have yielded no meaningful results, and America can wait no longer. With a national unemployment rate of 9.6 percent and having lost 2.4 million U.S. jobs in the last decade due to unfair trade with China, it is time for Congress to take up and pass immediately H.R. 2378 as amended, because China's currency manipulation is one of the root causes of our Great Recession -- and of the jobless recovery that now persists.

H.R. 2378 is bipartisan legislation, introduced by Reps. Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Tim Murphy (R-PA). It is WTO compliant and gives U.S. manufacturers the ability to seek a legal remedy for injurious currency subsidies of the type maintained by China and other Asian governments. This legislation will, at long last, allow America's manufacturing firms and workers to fight back against the pernicious practice of foreign government currency manipulation.

Please support U.S. manufacturers and workers and vote YES on H.R. 2378. It will help stimulate our economy and create and preserve jobs at no cost to the federal government. H.R. 2378 truly is the "jobs bill" we've all been waiting for.

Sincerely,

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Specialty Steel Industry of North America  
Steel Manufacturers Association