

June 9, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

On behalf of the undersigned associations representing multiple sectors, hundreds of thousands of businesses and millions of American workers across the country, we are writing to urge you to terminate the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs and quotas on our national security and trade allies.

These tariffs and quotas continue to hurt small, family-owned businesses and the communities in which they built their companies, while fracturing relations with overseas trading partners and spurring a frenzy of retaliatory trade measures against both related and unrelated industries.

The tariffs intended to help the steel and aluminum producing industries imposed substantial costs on a much broader segment of the U.S. economy. The restriction on the supply of goods and raw materials resulting from the tariffs has sent a ripple throughout downstream industries, disrupting supply chains and threatening the economic security of American workers. Our members rely on the movement of their goods and inputs without constant government intervention that causes delivery delays and arbitrary price spikes. We encourage you to work with our national security and trade allies during your meetings in Europe in the coming weeks to lift the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs.

We are encouraged by your Administration that it will commence negotiations with the European Union to address global steel and aluminum excess capacity and an end to the Section 232 tariffs.

Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)

Auto Care Association

Beer Institute

Border Trade Alliance (BTA)

Coalition of American Metal Manufacture