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Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Kevin Brady
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Dear Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Levin:

As co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Aluminum Caucus, we are writing to urge the Committee to request an investigation by the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) on factors affecting the global competitiveness of the U.S. aluminum industry.

Aluminum is a strategically important material and is used in countless applications and products, and a healthy U.S. aluminum industry is critical for a strong U.S economy. However, U.S. aluminum producers are facing debilitating competitive conditions whose root causes need to be further understood.

The U.S. industry has manufacturing operations in nearly every state, supports more than 670,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs, and represents, with \$154 billion in economic output, almost 1 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Production. Unfortunately, there have been nine U.S.-based aluminum curtailments and closures since January 2015, representing 65 percent of U.S. aluminum capacity and affecting more than 3,700 workers.

Among other factors, capacity and production increases in China, which has gone from producing 10 percent of global supply to more than 50 percent during the past 10 years, have contributed to the problematic situation for the U.S. industry.

To objectively compile data and analyze factors driving the global aluminum market and competitive conditions for the U.S. industry, the Committee should request that the International Trade Commission conduct an investigation under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1332(g)).

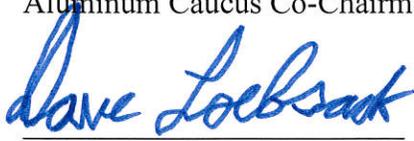
The study should describe and quantify among other things: the structure of the global industry, including production, capacity, inventories, and supply chain relationships of major producing countries; the impact on U.S. industry of the rise of China as a major producer and trader of aluminum products; significant developments in trade practices including policies that encourage exports in aluminum-producing countries, transshipments to the United States through third countries; and other significant factors affecting U.S. competitive conditions as may be identified. We strongly encourage you to request this investigation from the USITC.

We want to thank you and the Committee for its hard work and support for a strong U.S. economy.

Sincerely,



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