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A NOTE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN SUZAN DELBENE

I am deeply saddened that Alcoa is curtailing operations at its Ferndale facility – a long-standing employer for the people of Washington’s 1st congressional district. As a Co-chair of the Congressional Aluminum Caucus since 2013, I’ve spent my tenure in Congress advocating for the American aluminum industry in the face of an increasingly challenging global marketplace. Despite my best efforts and those of my colleagues in Congress, Alcoa is moving forward with the curtailment during a global pandemic.

As soon as we heard the news, my office was in contact with the Washington state Employment Security Department (ESD) to ensure that Alcoa employees have access to every resource available in this time of uncertainty. It is my understanding that a Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Petition has been filed on the behalf of affected workers, and I led my colleagues in a letter to the Department of Labor in support of that request. I was happy to hear that ESD partnered with the Northwest Workforce Council to provide information and rapid response for workers going through this layoff. The best thing you can do, if you have not already, is to contact your local WorkSource office, which can help with applying for unemployment benefits, options for continuing health care coverage, retraining opportunities that exist in our local area, and resources available for general support. You can find contact information on the attached sheet.

I appreciate the work that you do in our community, and it is an honor to serve you in Congress. As always, you are welcome to call my office in Bothell at 425-485-0085 or email me through www.DelBene.house.gov for additional assistance.

Please know that my staff and I are here to help. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Suzan DelBene
U.S. Representative