



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in appreciation of the actions you have taken thus far to punish Russia amid its unprovoked aggression against Ukraine, and to help Ukraine counter Russia. However, there is more that must be done. In line with these actions, we respectfully request that you remove the 25 percent U.S. tariff on steel imports from Ukraine to help it eventually stabilize and rebuild its economy.

As you know, in 2018, President Trump used Section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962* to impose a tariff of 25 percent on certain imports of steel from numerous countries, including Ukraine. We believe the costs of these tariffs to U.S. families, manufacturers, and other businesses have outweighed their benefits, and we appreciate the initial steps you have taken with the European Union and Japan to reduce their impact.

Russia's aggression in Ukraine provides you an opportunity to go farther. Metal production is a cornerstone of the Ukrainian economy. Ukraine is the 13th largest steel producer in the world and 80 percent of the steel the country produces is typically exported. Steel and related sectors comprise nearly 12 percent of Ukraine's gross domestic product, and the steel industry is a source of employment and income for many Ukrainians. Ukraine is experiencing the destruction of large sections of its residential and productive capacity, which has severely disrupted its ability to export. However, when the war ends and Ukraine's economy reopens, Ukraine's steel industry will be an integral part of its economic recovery.

The United States should do everything it can to ensure that the Ukrainian people can effectively rebuild after the war. Lifting the U.S. tariff on steel from Ukraine is a small but meaningful way for the U.S. to signal support for Ukraine and to provide stability and improve the country's long-term economic outlook. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Patrick Toomey
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Gina Raimondo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Katherine Tai, U.S. Trade Representative