



# The City of Lorain, Ohio

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Kelly Parkhill, Director for Industry Support and Analysis  
Import Administration, Room 3713  
Department of Commerce  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Director Parkhill:

Enclosed please find a Resolution which will go before Lorain City Council on October 4, 2004, urging support of the request to extend and enhance the Steel Import Monitoring Program. I assure you it will have no problem passing.

People in Lorain understand the importance of a healthy and strong steel industry in the United States because we have personally witnessed what happens when the industry is brought to its knees by cheap imports.

Since the time of the President's imposition of tariffs, we in Lorain have seen improvements in the steel industry. For example, we saw Republic reborn as Republic Engineered Products. Meanwhile, U.S. Steel had been able to strengthen its position through a merger with National Steel. The restructuring of these companies and this industry is the direct result of the President's relief.

Similarly, the President's steel program has allowed the City of Lorain to begin to rebuild as well. Some of my fellow citizens who had lost their jobs during the import crisis are once again employed. We have a renewed sense of optimism about the long-term viability of our steel industry and our city. However, now that the tariffs have been lifted a stronger monitoring program is necessary to keep our steel industry healthy here in Lorain.

Thank you for allowing me to show my support for this meaningful and important cause

Sincerely,

Craig Foltin, Mayor  
City of Lorain, Ohio

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Enclosure

Cc: The Honorable Donald L. Evans  
Secretary of Commerce

passage.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EXTEND AND ENHANCE THE STEEL IMPORT MONITORING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, people in Lorain understand the importance of a healthy and strong steel industry in the United States because we have personally witnessed what happens when the industry is brought to its knees by cheap imports; and

**WHEREAS**, after finding that imports were seriously harming the U.S. steel industry, the President gave the industry the relief it needed to survive and rebuild. In the time that has passed since the President's imposition of tariffs, we in Lorain have seen improvements in the steel industry. For example, we have seen Republic reborn as Republic Engineered Products. Meanwhile, U.S. Steel has been able to strengthen its position through a merger with National Steel. The restructuring of these companies and this industry is the direct result of the President's relief; and

**WHEREAS**, similarly, the President's steel program has allowed the City of Lorain to begin to rebuild as well. We have a renewed sense of optimism about the long-term viability of our steel industry and our city. Many in our community have grown stronger because of the President's relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the recovery of this industry, however, is dependent upon the President's relief being carried out. The Lorain industry was pounded by cheap imports for years. It takes time to restructure operations and rebuild financial health. We must extend and enhance the Steel Import Monitoring Program; and

**WHEREAS**, we are thankful that the President provided this tariff remedy. Unless swift action is taken, the current program could expire before a new one is implemented. Extending and enhancing this non-restrictive, WTO-consistant program is critical to ensuring that government policy makers have access to the most accurate and timely data possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION I.** Lorain City Council supports the request to the Department of Commerce that the Steel Import Monitoring Program be extended and enhanced.

**SECTION II.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of the emergency being the necessity and immediate need to extend and enhance the Department of Commerce's Steel Import Monitoring Program before the expiration of the current program, which expires March 2005, in order to protect the steel industry in Lorain and to preserve the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Lorain. Therefore, the Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and immediately after its passage and approval of the Mayor, providing it meets the statutory requirements for passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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MAYOR