

TO: Kelly Parkhill

Please accept this as our plea for the support of continued steel import licensing and monitoring program as promised by President Bush when the 201 safeguard measures were lifted.

We are a lime manufacturing company, 100% reliant on the domestic steel industry. We previously employed 50 miners, however, due to the economic difficulties experienced by the domestic steel industry we closed approximately 50% of our facility until the bankruptcies ended. We have recently had the opportunity to reopen this portion of our company, however, a continued strong domestic market will be necessary for us to be successful.

We strongly urge support by the Department of Commerce to expand and extend the existing Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis system. We also urge support of expanding this program as outlined by Secretary Evans. The world steel market is very volatile, therefore timely and accurate data for government policy makers and any of us who support and depend on the domestic steel market is essential. The domestic market has had a remarkable short term recovery. This recovery could be jeopardized by failure to enact critical tools to monitor market and import developments.

Our company located in the heartland, Bonne Terre, MO, urges support of these needed programs and monitoring methods. We and our employees appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

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