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From: Andrew G Sharkey, III
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Subject: Meeting Request



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The Honorable Robert G. Card
Under Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Card:

On July 16, representatives of the steel and other industry sectors met with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton to learn more about the recently introduced climate change initiatives and, more specifically, about the Administration's "Business Challenge" being administered by the Department of Energy.

As a follow up, on September 10, senior management of the steel industry met separately with Jim Connaughton and DOE's Larisa Dobriansky to further discuss the voluntary programs. Both meetings were excellent.

The U.S. member companies of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) wish to accept the challenge and begin the iterative process described by Ms. Dobriansky as we attempt to craft a meaningful voluntary program to further improve carbon intensity at participating member company facilities. At the moment, AISI members comprise about 67% of the U.S. steel industry.

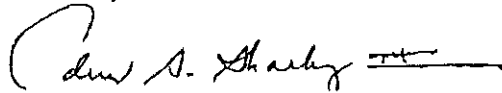
Further, we suggest that appropriate DOE personnel who have worked with AISI on the "Industries of the Future Program" participate in our discussions. We have assembled a small group of member company representatives to begin the process/discussions as soon as is convenient for the Department.

AISI has a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for October 31 and request our initial meeting occur prior to that date so we can apprise member company CEO's of our discussions.

Finally, as you may know, the steel industry has worked diligently to improve energy efficiency and carbon intensity over the last twenty-five years. Studies commissioned by DOE outline the progress. We will prepare a summary of that progress for your review prior to our meetings to help put future opportunities into perspective.

Please let us know what meeting dates would work for your staff along with the names of the DOE participants. We suggest you contact Jim Schultz here at AISI at 202-452-7180 or jschultz@steel.org and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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cc: Larisa Dobriansky, DOE
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