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United States Senate
The Honorable Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I am writing to you to thank you for your efforts to improve the implementation of our laws against unfair trade to address duty evasion with the ENFORCE Act and the modifications that will be considered by the Senate Finance Committee. The United Steelworkers union (USW) has been deeply frustrated by the implementation of our laws in this critical area and the ENFORCE Act, with these modifications, will make important improvements in the execution of our laws.

The USW represents workers in literally hundreds of cases where unfair trade practices harm domestic industries, costing America enormous numbers of jobs and damaging communities across the country, the issue of evasion of antidumping and countervailing duties is one of great importance to our members and thus to the union. The legislation is a balanced approach to address some of the serious evasion problems that have been documented over the last decade that have cost the U.S. Treasury well in excess of \$1 billion and cost thousands of American workers their jobs and depressed the performance of many companies and industries.

We are especially appreciative of the fact that the proposal that will be considered by the Finance Committee has been updated so as to provide eligibility to unions to file allegations relating to evasion with Customs and Border Protection. We also appreciate the level of consultation between the Majority and Minority Committee staff with the USW to review issues relating to updating the legislative text.

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As you know, there are situations where domestic producers are not positioned to defend their domestic interests because of their investments overseas or fear of retaliation by foreign entities. In such situations, the workers may be the only interested party with the economic interest to see that conditions of fair trade prevail and that orders once issued are effective. Your legislation will help ensure that where trade remedies are being evaded by foreign producers and their importers that interested parties, including unions, can raise the alarm and have CBP protect the revenue of our country and ensure that our orders are enforced as intended.

Sincerely,



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