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The Honorable Mike Crapo, Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jason Smith, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal, Ranking
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Crapo, Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Wyden and Ranking Member Neal:

The undersigned groups represent industries that are vital to America's economic success and thousands of workers across the country. For years China has systematically worked to dominate global trade and supply chains and destroy domestic manufacturing and American jobs. Our current trade laws are inadequate to deal with China's constantly evolving threat. We are writing to urge you to prioritize American workers and fight back against China's unfair practices by acting on the bipartisan Leveling the Playing Field 2.0.

To dominate critical supply chains, China developed a global infrastructure, transportation, trade and production network referred to as the Belt and Road Initiative. China uses this network to depress or eliminate competing production globally by dumping unfairly priced and heavily subsidized products in other markets. American workers and industry have borne the brunt of China's increasingly predatory economic behavior.

One of the most important lines of defense against these actions is the anti-dumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) laws, which rely on thorough investigations by both the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission. The cases brought recently have demonstrated the broad and harmful effects of dumping and subsidies on our economy, including domestic manufacturing of engines, furniture, hardwood and plywood, beef, solar panels, pipes and tubes, wood moldings, truck trailer chassis, magnesium, paper, industrial materials, shrimp, carrier bags, magnesia bricks, kitchen cabinets, quartz countertops, tires, and others. While companies that manufacture in America spend millions to win an AD/CVD case and wait more than a year for duties to be applied to correct a market disruption, Chinese companies can quickly move their production to other countries to evade our remedies and continue targeting the U.S. market.

The Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 Act was designed to give our government appropriate tools to protect impacted industries and American workers and adequately address the evolving threat China poses to domestic production. The bill creates "successive investigations," with streamlined procedures and expedited timelines for petitions targeting production that has moved to another country after an initial AD/CVD case is brought and won. The legislation also explicitly gives the Commerce Department authority to investigate transnational or cross-border subsidies such as those provided through the Belt and Road Initiative. As we look to fundamentally reshape trade relations, the tools that Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 provides are more valuable than ever and can help ensure fair trade.

There is an urgent need to address China's most dangerous method of destroying American jobs and industries. We encourage you to support American workers and industry by prioritizing the Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 Act. Your actions will send a strong signal that we will not allow China to dominate critical manufacturing.

Sincerely,

Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM)
American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)
American Wire Producers Association (AWPA)
Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute (CFSBI)
Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports (CPTI)
Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA)
Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA)
Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)
United States Cattlemen's Association
U.S. OCTG Manufacturers Association (USOMA)