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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
503 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Senate  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Brown and Portman:

On behalf of the Aluminum Association and its member companies, I am writing to express our strong support for the *Eliminating Global Market Distortions to Protect American Jobs Act of 2021* and your continued efforts to strengthen the U.S. trade remedy laws.

The Aluminum Association is the largest aluminum trade association in the United States, representing aluminum production and jobs that span the entire industry value chain, from primary production to value-added products to recycling, as well as suppliers to the industry. Industrial customers and consumers across the country depend on the products manufactured by the aluminum industry to support healthcare, aerospace, transportation, construction, defense, packaging, infrastructure and many other critical segments of the U.S. economy. While aluminum industry jobs and investments had been on track for continued growth prior to the recent global pandemic, the substantial challenges posed to global markets by China's state-directed, market distorting behavior are reducing incentives for future investment in the United States and putting significant stress on U.S. aluminum producers – a substantial concern if we want to maintain our momentum and ensure the U.S. industry's continued competitiveness.

We are grateful for your work to ensure U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws remain an effective tool for manufacturers in the United States. In particular, we appreciate that the legislation will enhance the tools available to obtain timely relief against repeat offenders and prevent the problems we've seen in the aluminum industry that undermine hard-fought efforts to obtain remedies from unfairly-traded imports.

Although the Aluminum Association was successful in its first-ever unfair trade case in 2017 against large rolls of aluminum foil from China, and supported the Commerce Department's successful self-initiated case on imports of common alloy aluminum sheet from China, the American aluminum industry has faced surges of dumped and subsidized aluminum imports into the U.S. market in recent years. The recent antidumping and countervailing duty orders in the United States prompted Chinese producers to shift exports of common alloy sheet and foil to other foreign markets, and producers in those countries exported their own production to the United States – the only market in the world where market conditions are not distorted by large volumes of low-priced and unfairly-traded imports from China.

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Last year, the Aluminum Association filed antidumping and countervailing duty petitions charging that unfairly-traded imports of common alloy aluminum sheet and foil from a number of countries. These cases were filed a little more than a year after the U.S. Department of Commerce published antidumping and countervailing duty orders on common alloy sheet and foil from China.

We are also glad to see this legislation would ensure prompt completion of anticircumvention inquiries by setting out statutory timelines for these actions, and it would also ensure the continued ability of the Commerce Department to make “particular market situation” adjustments in antidumping investigations in all instances where home market prices or costs have been distorted.

By strengthening the effectiveness of the U.S. trade laws, this legislation would promote fair competition for U.S. industry and give manufacturers confidence that their government has every tool available to fight for a level playing field for every American worker.

Thank you for your work to support American manufacturing and the essential aluminum industry in Ohio and across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dobbins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "D".

Tom Dobbins  
President & CEO