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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nita Lowey
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Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
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The Honorable José Serrano
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Chairman Serrano and Ranking Member Aderholt:

We write to request funding for the Department of Commerce's implementation of an aluminum import monitoring program. The President's FY21 Budget Request includes funding towards an Operating Objective to develop a "new system to track imports of aluminum products and provide an early warning system for import surges." We request that the Committee support the President's budget request for the implementation of this aluminum import monitoring program within the Enforcement and Compliance account at the International Trade Administration.

The U.S. aluminum industry employs 162,000 workers and generates nearly \$71 billion in direct economic output annually. In recent years, the industry has faced a serious threat from Chinese overcapacity and dumping of unfairly traded aluminum. In order to help combat this threat, it is time for the U.S. to establish an aluminum import monitoring system, to help protect American jobs.

We know that strong trade enforcement is essential to a fair, rules-based global trading system. Expanding the Commerce Department's current import monitoring program to capture the import of aluminum products will help government officials and the industry to better identify trends in trade flows and address aluminum misclassification, transshipment and evasion of duties. Notably, Canada recently expanded its import monitoring system to include aluminum and aluminum products.

Establishing a U.S. aluminum import monitoring program in coordination with our North American trading partners would further bolster the robust, fair and rules-based trade of aluminum and aluminum products between our three countries. China's export of its subsidized mid- and downstream aluminum products continues to disrupt the global aluminum market, to

the detriment of U.S. aluminum producers, and must urgently be addressed by the U.S. government and its international partners.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

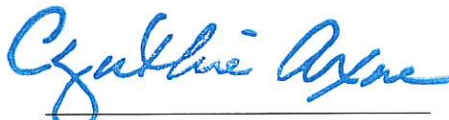
Sincerely,


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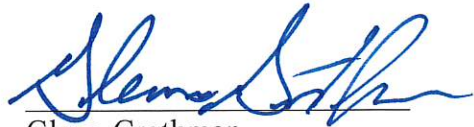
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