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Mr. Brad Botwin
Director, Industrial Studies
Office of Technology Evaluation
Bureau of Industry and Security
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 1093
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel

Dear Mr. Botwin:

The Port of Los Angeles is pleased to provide comments in response to the Bureau of Industry and Security's April 26, 2017, request for comments on the Section 232 national security investigation of imports of steel.¹

The importation of slab steel is an important activity at the Port of Los Angeles. We are not only the leading container port in the nation, but the Port also handles approximately 1.5 million tons of semi-finished steel slabs per year for California Steel Industries, Inc. (CSI), the largest single user of the Port by tonnage. CSI and its steel manufacturing customers transform these 20-ton slabs into steel sheet and then into products like pipes and culverts – a long, labor intensive U.S. manufacturing process. Since steel slabs are almost never produced for sale domestically, CSI imports them through the Port supporting hundreds of ILWU jobs at the Port, in addition to over 1,000 steel jobs at CSI, and more than 7,000 jobs throughout the supply chain.

The Port of Los Angeles supports enhancing U.S. competitiveness and creating jobs. We respectfully ask you to consider the significant impacts of the importation of slab steel on the Port of Los Angeles and the local and regional economy.

Sincerely,

EUGENE D. SEROKA
Executive Director

¹ Notice request for Public Comments and Public Hearing on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Steel, 82 Fed. Reg. 19205 (April 26, 2017) (the "Notice").