

Testimony  
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Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam  
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I want to thank Chairman Williamson, Vice Chairman Johanson, and all other members of the Commission, for the opportunity to testify today in the case involving circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe from Oman, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam.

As you are well aware, the steel import crisis is perilously threatening the livelihoods of the dedicated workers in steel communities throughout our nation. The recent influx of illegal steel imports has prompted the initiation of nine steel trade cases, and today I am testifying here at the ITC for the seventh time this year. It is my sincere hope that as the weather turns and we end the *summer of steel*, we can move forward now into the *fall of fair trade*.

Specific to today's case, circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe is used across our country in a variety of manufacturing purposes, including construction, fencing, sprinkler, and heating systems. And while it is currently made in a variety of locations across our country, including California, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, I deeply regret that it used to be made in additional plants in Illinois and Pennsylvania, as well as in plants that are now idled or closed in Arizona and Iowa. It is past time that we send the message to the countries involved in this case, and all countries around the world, that we will not tolerate illegal steel imports.

Additionally, on behalf of Rep. Tim Murphy and myself, as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I would like to officially submit into the proceedings a letter we have signed that expresses our strong support for the domestic steel pipe and tube industry in this case. The letter notes that we are acutely aware of the real-world impacts of illegal imports on American steelworkers and steel producers, and that steel communities across our country are experiencing the devastating impacts of illegal imports. Additionally, the letter states that American steel producers and workers just want to compete on a level playing field, and we owe them the opportunity to do so. The letter further urges you to recognize the material injury that circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe imports have caused to the domestic steel industry and to hold the countries involved accountable for their illegal actions.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to testify today, and I thank you and the dedicated staff for your diligent and thorough consideration of the facts of this case.