

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Calling upon the President of the United States to maintain his steel program as lawfully enacted, for the full three year period.

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2002, the domestic steel industry was under attack by a flood of cheap imports from foreign producers, aided and abetted by foreign governments through subsidies and other market manipulations; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of this assault have been disastrous for steelworkers, the American steel industry and its communities; and

WHEREAS, thirty seven companies have been forced into bankruptcy and 56,000 steelworkers and iron ore miners have lost their jobs, with additional job losses expected; and

WHEREAS, the human face of this tragedy is personified by the over 200,000 steelworker retirees, widows and dependents who have lost their health care benefits at the most vulnerable time in their lives, and by the additional 240,000 steelworker retirees who's pensions have been reduced because they were under funded and terminated by the PBGC: and

WHEREAS, in March of 2002 the President announced a three-year program of import relief for domestic producers to consolidate and restructure; and

WHEREAS, domestic steel producers have engaged in unprecedented efforts to consolidate and restructure by investing billions in consolidating facilities; and

WHEREAS, the United Steelworkers of American has negotiated groundbreaking and innovative labor agreements between its members and major steel producers; and

WHEREAS, cutting short this relief would cripple these restructuring efforts and likely lead the industry back into crisis and nullify the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of steelworkers, their families and communities; and

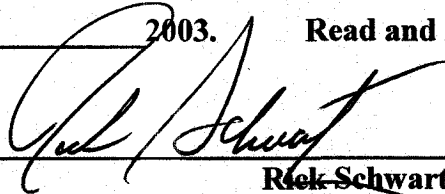
WHEREAS, market conditions remain depressed, import demand for steel in China is collapsing, world excess capacity still exists, and investments and the industry depend on stable market conditions and continuation of relief; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the tariffs on consumers has been modest with steel prices well below 20-year averages, and with steel supply abundant;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the Allegheny County Council calls upon the President of the United States to maintain his steel program as lawfully enacted, for the full three year period.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DEFAZIO & FITZGERALD

In Council July 8 2003. Read and Approved.



Rick Schwartz
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2003 12:14 PM
To: 'President George W. Bush'
Subject: Motion of Allegheny County Council - Bill No. 1236-03

Dear President Bush,

Attached is a copy of a Motion passed in Allegheny County Council on July 8, 2003, urging you to maintain your steel program as lawfully enacted for the full three year period.

Your attention to this motion is appreciated.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council
Pittsburgh, PA



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