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The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20230

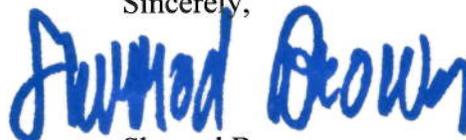
Dear Secretary Pritzker:

I am writing to invite you to Ohio to meet with steel company representatives and steel workers to discuss your work on behalf of U.S. manufacturers and, specifically, the steel industry. As you know, the steel sector is facing considerable challenges from unfairly traded imports. Companies and workers in Ohio would benefit from hearing directly from you about your ongoing efforts to support U.S. steel producers and their employees.

Your tenure as Secretary of Commerce has been distinguished by its focus on and commitment to manufacturing, including U.S. steel companies. You were instrumental in passing the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act, which is already spurring more investment and innovation in our manufacturing sector. I am also grateful for your dedication to trade enforcement, including your efforts to get the Leveling the Playing Field Act signed into law. And I appreciate your work to support the domestic steel sector by fighting back against foreign competitors' unfair trade practices.

I am hopeful you will accept this invitation to meet with Ohio steel companies and their employees, including those who have been laid off. These workers need to hear that the steel industry is critically important to our national economy and that the federal government is fighting on their behalf against unfair trade practices. Given your leadership on U.S. manufacturing and trade enforcement, your visit to Ohio would convey a strong signal of commitment to Ohio steel producers, their workers, and the steel sector nationwide.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator