

**Final Injury Hearing at the U.S. International Trade Commission  
On Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from China  
September 14, 2010**

“Good morning Chairman Okun and members of the Commission. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to return to the Commission this morning to provide this important testimony on behalf of domestic seamless pipe producers and TMK IPSCO Tubulars.

“American workers produce the highest quality steel products in the world. U.S. steel production has long been an economic pillar of western Pennsylvania. Today I am here to testify in support of ensuring the industry can compete in a fair market.

“The Fourth District of Pennsylvania, which I represent, is home to two TMK IPSCO manufacturing facilities. These facilities are located in Ambridge and Koppel, Pennsylvania – two cities that have first-hand experience with the devastation on our nation’s steel industry caused by unfairly traded foreign steel.

“TMK IPSCO’s Ambridge plant manufactures seamless line pipe in the size range of two to four inches. Today, the plant employs 450 workers, most of whom are represented by the United Steelworkers, who is also here today as a petitioner in support of relief for the industry and its workers.

“Seamless line pipe is an important product for TMK IPSCO and serves a variety of uses for the energy sector. It is used for the transmission of oil and natural gas; in chemical, petrochemical, and refinery facilities; in mechanical applications for general construction; and in industrial applications.

“Today, you will hear from the petitioners about the negative impact that unfairly traded imports have had on their operations. As a result of these imports, TMK IPSCO was forced to impose numerous layoffs at their facilities in 2009. It is imperative that the ITC recognize the damage that has been done and pave the way for these companies to receive much-needed relief. As our economy continues to struggle, we cannot put employers in a position where they have to

choose between meeting their bottom line and laying off workers.

“As a member who is proud to represent workers in the steel pipe industry, I continue to be perplexed about the expansive nature of these unfair trade practices by China. I am aware that this case follows other pipe cases which were previously brought against Chinese imports. The most recent was the successful OCTG case which provided relief to the domestic industry from unfairly traded imports from China. Today, I am joined by a number of my colleagues in Congress who can testify to the importance of this Commission’s decision on the industry and its workers.

“I represent some of the nation’s most innovative companies and skilled workforces, and I am fighting to ensure that these jobs stay in my district now and well into the future.

“Families in my district know first hand that the correct application of the U.S. trade laws can be the difference between prosperity and poverty. I ask that members of the Commission give serious consideration to the facts in this final injury hearing as you prepare to issue a final decision in this matter.”