

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 12, 2025

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

As Members representing steel-producing districts across the country, we write to request additional information regarding the Nippon Steel acquisition of United States Steel. Maintaining a strong domestic steel industry and workforce is vital for supporting our military, securing critical supply chains, and sustaining our energy security. We must ensure that this deal includes all necessary protections to preserve our workforce and safeguard our national security.

While some broad details regarding the merger have been made public over the last few weeks, there remains a lack of clarity over how the “golden share” will be operationalized and whether there are sufficient protections for workers. In Secretary Lutnick’s post on social media on June 14, he describes that the “golden share” would prevent Nippon from taking certain actions without consent of the President. However, it is unclear how those decisions may be reached and what stakeholders will be consulted to assess the scope of impact.

In our view, it is critical that workers have a seat at the table for any decisions impacting workforce, whether that be the transfer of jobs, closure or idling of facilities, or reduction of capital investments. Sustaining and protecting our domestic steel manufacturing workforce is critical to the long-term viability of the industry and to our national security. We therefore seek your assurance that United Steelworkers lead bargainners and workers be fully and actively informed and involved in such decisions.

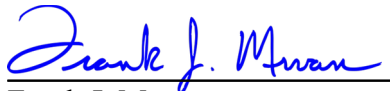
Additionally, it is unclear what, if any, enforcement mechanisms will be in place to hold Nippon accountable for upholding their commitments outlined in this deal. Nippon has a long history of unfair trade practices that have directly harmed domestic producers and workers. There must be proper accountability measures to ensure that this company follows through on its promises.

We request that any documents that outline (i) the rights to be provided to the U.S. government through the issuance of a “golden share;” (ii) how the “golden share” will be operationalized and what parties will be involved in decision making; (iii) what enforcement mechanisms are in place to hold the companies accountable for maintaining their commitments; (iv) what provisions, if any, will cover the operations and decisions of the parent company; or (v) any other change to the previously disclosed merger agreement be provided to us.

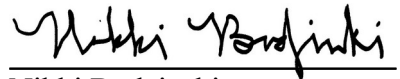
Our top priority is to protect the health and strength of the domestic steel manufacturing workforce. As this transaction moves forward, more transparency is needed to guarantee that critical facilities across the country – such as Gary Works in Indiana, Mon Valley Works in Pennsylvania or Granite City Works in Illinois – will continue to thrive for generations to come. Our economic and national security depend on these facilities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and stand ready to work with you now that you have made the decision to allow the transaction to proceed, to ensure that these investments proceed with the best interests of American workers in mind.

Sincerely,



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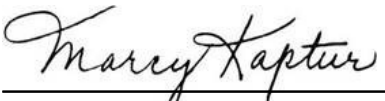
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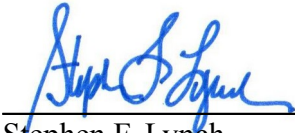
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