



THE COMMITTEE ON PIPE & TUBE IMPORTS

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Good morning, Chairman Crawford, Vice Chairman Mrvan and distinguished members of the Congressional Steel Caucus. Thank you for inviting me to testify this morning.

My name is Steve Robins, and I am the Vice President - Strategic Sourcing of Atkore, one of the nation's leading electrical, and security and infrastructure producers. We are a manufacturer of steel pipe and tube products, including metal conduit, mechanical piping, solar torque tubes, and metal security products. We are headquartered 30 miles south of Chicago in Harvey, IL and have 23 manufacturing locations across the U.S. as well as operations overseas. Atkore employs over 5,000 people, primarily in the United States with 1,000 employed in steel pipe manufacturing at our U.S. facilities in Harvey IL, Hobart IN, and Phoenix, AZ. Additionally, we have other steel consuming locations at in Byesville, OH, Hebron, OH, and Wayne, MI. Our company's most recent investment in Hobart, Indiana is a newly constructed facility that includes a "state of the art" steel pipe mill that produces solar torque tubes used in renewable energy initiatives. In addition, we are commissioning a mill capable of producing a new structural tubular product targeting the data center marketplace. The Hobart plant located in Rep. Mrvan's district can produce up to 200,000 tons of products that serve the solar energy industry.

This morning, I am pleased to appear as Chairman of the Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports (CPTI), the nation's leading trade association for the U.S. pipe and tube industry. CPTI members make an array of carbon and stainless-steel pipe, tube and fittings products. We have 29 CPTI members and 12 associate members that make an array of carbon and stainless welded and seamless pipe and tube products. Today our member companies are located in 32 states and in 105 Congressional districts with over 40,000 employees across the country. The industry is an essential customer of the nation's steel industry - in fact, many of the companies joining me on today's panel are steel suppliers to the pipe and tube industry.

Historically the industry has been challenged by unfairly traded imports of pipe and tube from across the globe. Having the ability to use the U.S. unfair trade laws, the industry filed over 200 antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) cases in the past four decades that provided relief to the industry and its workers. Today there are a total of 801 AD/CVD duties in place of which 85 cover steel pipe and tube products. CPTI supports the Steel Sec. 232 and the Administration's actions in 2025 to increase tariffs from 25% to 50% and broaden the scope for steel derivative products. CPTI supports fixed rate tariffs as another tool to enhance the effectiveness of trade policy and eliminate loopholes in the 232 process. CPTI strongly urges the Steel Caucus to continue its engagement with the Administration to retain the Steel Sec.

232 program and to ensure there is adequate enforcement. In the past year, pipe and tube imports have not fallen off as expected and have increased by over 300,000 tons, taking jobs from our industry which has massive additional capacity. Imports of pipe and tube continue to take more than one third of the U.S. market.

In addition, as a manufacturer of steel conduit products, we continue to struggle to compete effectively with imports as the previous surge of imports from Mexico has negatively impacted the industry, including a scheduled closure of one of Atkore's facilities in Phoenix, Arizona.

On December 4, 2025, the CPTI provided testimony at the public hearing on the First Joint Review of the USMCA. The testimony focused on the “need to ensure that USMCA countries act in concert against the scourge of massive world steel overcapacity – driven by China.” In addition, the testimony focused on the need for “timely monitoring of steel imports by the 3 countries along with coordination by the respective Customs agencies.” The association plans to continue to engage with the Administration as the review process moves forward this year.

At our recent leadership meeting, CPTI directors agreed that it will be important for the industry to work with Congress to advance legislation that will strengthen U.S. manufacturing including a focus on legislation that strengthens trade and enforcement tools used to combat unfair trade practices.

As Congress moves forward on its 2026 legislative calendar, we would like to highlight these measures of importance to the CPTI:

1. Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 (H.R. 1548 (Reps. Van Duyne/Sewell) /S.691 (Sens. Young/Smith) - legislation that has been introduced to strengthen trade laws that are used by our industry and workers to challenge unfair trade practices. Enacting this legislation in 2026 is a key priority for the CPTI and we ask the Caucus to engage with colleagues and the House Committee on Ways and Means to advance the legislation.
2. Advancing the STEEL Act of 2025, (H.R. 6446) (Reps. Kelly/DeLuzio) legislation to strengthen the Enforce and Protect Act (EAPA) by closing loopholes in the current statute.
3. Advancement of legislation to remedy actions by bad actors and “trade cheats” and provisions included in the “Fighting Trade Cheats Act” (H.R. 1284) (Reps. Bost/Sewell) and the “Protecting American Industry and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act (PAIL Act) (H.R. 1869 (Rep. Hinson).

4. Support retention and strengthening of “Buy America” program for national infrastructure projects and other federally supported projects managed by U.S. agencies.
5. Advancement of the Manifest Modernization Act (MMA), legislation to expand the collection of manifest data for aviation, rail and truck entries (H.R. 2653 (Rep. Schweikert) /S. 1259 (Sens. Cassidy/Whitehouse)
6. Support full funding in Fiscal Year 2027 for the U.S. trade agencies charged with administering the U.S. unfair trade laws (Commerce) and customs enforcement (DHS and CBP).

For decades the Congressional Steel Caucus has led the way in the development and enactment of legislation that has supported a stronger, stable, and innovative domestic steel industry. As a very important customer to the steel industry, we share a common priority to strengthen and protect our markets and be part of the nation’s economic recovery. Our industry remains resilient and with your ongoing leadership and support it can continue to grow, provide manufacturing jobs here in the U.S., and contribute toward a stronger economy. The CPTI looks forward to closely working with you in the Second Session of the 119th Congress. Thank you.

Bio Profile of Steve Robins - Atkore



Steve Robins – Vice President Atkore

Steve Robins is the Vice President of Strategic Sourcing and a member of the Executive Leadership Team of Atkore. Steve joined Atkore in August of 2009 when it was previously part of Tyco International. He has over 40 years of industrial raw material experience in multiple organizations. Prior to joining Atkore, Steve was the Vice President of the Flat Rolled Business segment of ArcelorMittal International. He was VP of Quality and Operations for Copper and Brass Sales and VP of Automotive steel sales, both with ThyssenKrupp N.A. Steve began his career at General Motors with his assignments in automotive manufacturing and material procurement with the GM Steel core team. His experiences at steel companies and steel end users have provided him with unique insights into building winning relationships between the two. Steve earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Kettering University and an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Mr. Robins serves as CPTI Chairman for 2025-2026.