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On behalf of the over 22,000 men and women of U. S. Steel, thank you for the opportunity to join you for this morning's hearing. We appreciate the bipartisan Caucus leadership in support of American steelmaking.

From our iron ore mines in northern Minnesota...to our integrated iron and steelmaking operations in Gary, Indiana, the Mon Valley near Pittsburgh and Granite City, Illinois...to our electric arc furnaces, or EAFs, in Fairfield, Alabama and Big River Steel in Osceola, Arkansas...U. S. Steel mines, melts and makes steel in the USA.

Steel is critical to our national and economic security, and it is critical to providing a foundation for the reshoring and homecoming of manufacturing. We need America-made steel to rebuild and supply American-made manufacturing.

Global steel overcapacity, and the actions of foreign governments and producers that feed overcapacity, are a very real threat. This excess steelmaking in China and other countries distorts global steel trade flows. Our U.S. industry is investing to grow stronger, to create jobs and to continue to meet our Nation's needs. We cannot allow this to be undermined by overcapacity and unfairly traded imports. Strong trade enforcement and continuation of the Section 232 national security action on steel imports is critical. We thank the Caucus for their support of the industry's AD/CVD cases and confronting unfair trade.

And we also appreciate your attention and focus as the United States and European Union discuss a potential global arrangement on steel overcapacity and decarbonization. A successful outcome and agreement would be one that ensures America makes the green steel our Nation needs for the electric vehicles, our power grid and the clean economy. The United States should never become dependent on foreign steel – or allow any agreement that hinders American steel innovation and production of cleaner, greener steel.

Since last year's Steel Caucus hearing, U. S. Steel has been advancing its sustainability commitments and key investments.

In Osceola, Arkansas, our approximately \$3 billion next-generation highly sustainable and technologically advanced steel mill is being constructed. With this project's startup next year, the sophisticated new steelmaking facility, in combination with Big River Steel, will form a

6.3 million ton mega mill capable of providing many of the most advanced and sustainable steels in North America.

In March, U. S. Steel announced its new electrical steel product, known as InduX™, and will begin production at Big River Steel this summer with the commissioning of our new non-grain oriented electrical steel line. InduX™ electrical steel is a very wide, ultra-thin, and light-weight steel, having all the magnetic properties necessary for electric vehicles, as well as generators and transformers. By producing InduX™ in the United States, U. S. Steel is making a significant investment -- \$450 million -- in American jobs and bolstering the resilience of our country's domestic supply chain.

In Gary, Indiana, our \$60 million investment in a pig iron caster is now operational, harnessing Minnesota iron ore to supply our EAF steel production. Congressman Mrvan, we were honored to have you attend the groundbreaking event for this facility and we look forward to a future visit to show this facility in red-hot production.

In Minnesota, construction continues on our \$150 million investment in a new DR-grade iron ore pellet production facility. This project will help diversify the Iron Range to serve EAF steelmaking. We look forward to its startup in the month ahead.

At the Mon Valley Works near Pittsburgh, where we spend approximately \$100 million annually on environmental compliance, we are pleased to be a part of Allegheny County achieving three straight years of meeting federal health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Environmental stewardship is a core priority at U. S. Steel, and we actively focus on Environmental Excellence to strengthen awareness, education, and engagement efforts.

U. S. Steel is the first American headquartered steelmaker to publicly announce a 2050 net zero carbon emissions goal. Programs enacted in the bipartisan infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act will help the U.S. compete in the global race to decarbonize steelmaking. Developing and deploying needed technologies requires collaboration and public-private partnerships between businesses, government, academia, and NGOs. We encourage Congress to continue to develop solutions to boost American competitiveness and manufacturing.

Thank you again for inviting U. S. Steel to participate in the hearing, and I look forward to today's discussion with Caucus leaders and members.