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**Immediate Attention Requested**

April 21, 2026

**To: Members of the U.S. House  
House staff assigned to steel, manufacturing and/or trade issues**

**Sign Rep. Dingell's Letter to President Trump on Chinese Vehicles  
in Advance of his Summit with Chinese President Xi**

**Background:** Steel is foundational to American economic capability and capacity, and the American steel industry leads the world in clean and energy-efficient steel production. For far too long, American steelmakers have been forced to compete with unfairly subsidized foreign-made steel – much of it produced by non-market actors like China. In fact, recent studies have shown that Chinese steelmakers receive 15 times the level of subsidies than do their competitors in market-based economies.

Chinese vehicles are also highly subsidized and just like in the steel sector, the Chinese government has been clear about its goal to expand their automotive footprint across the globe through any means necessary. Granting Chinese automotive companies the ability to manufacture and sell vehicles and batteries in the U.S. would pose a serious threat to the U.S. auto industry and its supply chain, including steel producers.

**Situation:** Recognizing the threat posed by Chinese vehicles and automotive batteries, as well as the opportunity arising from President Trump's mid-May meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Representative Dingell is sending a letter to President Trump urging him "to take any and all decisive action necessary to prevent... any effort to lower barriers for Chinese automobiles or otherwise facilitate their entry into the U.S. market."

The letter further concludes by noting that "[w]e must not cede the American auto industry to a strategic competitor intent on global dominance. The consequences for American workers, our supply chains, our national security, and our communities would be profound and irreversible. Therefore, we urge you to take clear and decisive action to ensure that Chinese automakers are not permitted to enter the United States market in any capacity."

**Request:** Please sign Rep. Dingell's letter to President Trump. The draft letter is attached and the deadline for signing is on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Quill link is here: <https://quill.senate.gov/letters/letter/35637/opt-in/view/eccbcc05-19f9-4b6d-8019-f1686300067e/>

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Joshua Shapiro.  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin M. Dempsey  
President and CEO