



**American
Iron and Steel
Institute**

Steelgram

Immediate Attention Requested

April 29, 2026

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

**Sign Reps. Mike Kelly and Bilirakis's Letter to Secretaries Bessent and Lutnick and
Ambassador Greer on Chinese Vehicles
in Advance of President Trump's 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, Representatives Kelly and Bilirakis are sending a letter Secretaries Bessent and Lutnick and Ambassador Greer in advance of the President's trip to China. The letter urges "the Administration to refrain from any decision that would allow Chinese automotive and battery companies access to manufacture in the United States."

The letter further notes that "[w]e must be clear-eyed about China's goals in expanding their automotive footprint across the globe. China's intent is not fair competition, as evident by their actions in other critical sectors. They have drastically inflated supply in their domestic auto market through unfair government subsidies and other benefits intended to artificially prop up companies, forcing them to export and expand to foreign markets at below-market prices. China's goal is not to compete in the U.S. automotive market, but instead to hollow it out and ultimately limit consumer choice to Chinese brands."

Request: Please sign Rep. Kelly and Bilirakis's letter. The draft letter is attached and the deadline for signing is 1 pm on Thursday, April 30. The Quill link is here: <https://quill.senate.gov/letters/letter/36263/opt-in/view/65c41408-9142-4c51-9ea1-d31fa78c64d4/> If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Jacob Rogers with Rep. Kelly (Jacob.Rogers@mail.house.gov)

Signers (23): Balderson, Troy; Barr, Andy; Bilirakis, Gus; Buchanan, Vern; Carter, Buddy; Dunn, Neal; Estes, Ron; Fitzpatrick, Brian; Goldman, Craig; Gooden, Lance; Griffith, H. Morgan; Hinson, Ashley; Houchin, Erin; Joyce, John; Kelly, Mike; Langworthy, Nicholas; Miller, Carol; Miller-Meeks, Mariannette; Moolenaar, John; Rulli, Michael; Self, Keith; Van Duyne, Beth; and Weber, Randy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "D".

Kevin M. Dempsey
President and CEO