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Immediate Attention Requested

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**To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
House staff assigned to steel and/or energy issues**

SUPPORT THE RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT (H.R. 9340)

Background: While the American steel industry leads the world in energy-efficient steel production, maintaining affordable and reliable supplies of electricity to industry facilities is essential to ensuring the industry's success. As Congress acts to address concerns about rising electricity costs related to recent investments in computational large-load data centers, it is essential that policy solutions focus on the problem's source and do not impose new, unanticipated electricity costs and regulatory uncertainty on American steelmakers. Imposing unexpected, upfront costs on steelmaking operations could hinder manufacturing competitiveness and limit future investments and job creation. This would also threaten the work steel companies undertake with local communities and utilities to enhance grid reliability during times of systemic stress.

Situation: The *Ratepayer Protection Act* was drafted to address electricity demand and cost issues associated with data centers. The bill would direct states to consider developing rules to require data centers to pay the full cost of their connected electricity generation and transmission. Importantly, the bill ensures that the requirements apply solely to computational large-load electricity users. The bill passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee in July by a bipartisan vote of 52-0.

Request: Please vote in support of the *Ratepayer Protection Act* (H.R. 9340) when it is considered on the floor of the U.S. House this week. This bipartisan legislation would take steps to address challenges related to computational large-load electricity users, while permitting the domestic steel industry to continue investing in American manufacturing and job creation along with enhancing electric grid reliability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey".

Kevin M. Dempsey
President and Chief Executive Officer