

February 23, 2021

Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Mike Crapo  
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), a non-profit, non-partisan partnership of America's leading manufacturers and the United Steelworkers, we write to urge your support for the confirmation of Katherine Tai to be United States Trade Representative.

The United States needs strong leadership to address the major structural issues left unresolved in the U.S.-China relationship – including industrial subsidies, overcapacity, state-owned enterprises, predatory investment, currency manipulation and misalignment, cyber intrusions, worker rights, and environmental rules. Meanwhile, with respect to global steel markets the OECD reports that nonmarket investment by China *and other nations* boosted overcapacity in 2020 – even as the COVID-related economic crisis reduced demand in most markets. America needs a strong trade representative to build consensus across all U.S. trading partners to curb the root causes of overcapacity and build accountability.

Ms. Tai's experience dealing with trade negotiations, policy matters, and legislation makes her uniquely qualified to represent U.S. trade interests at this critical time for our nation. It is important that the Senate act quickly to approve Ms. Tai to ensure that trade enforcement and other vital trade functions are being served.

We are confident that Ms. Tai is the best candidate to become America's next trade ambassador and urge your support for her immediate confirmation.

Sincerely,



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