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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: USW opposes the PRINT Act

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 850,000 members of the United Steelworkers (USW), we strongly encourage you to oppose the PRINT Act. The PRINT Act, if enacted, would create a new threat to U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duty law investigations and would encourage additional offshoring of American jobs by politicizing and undermining what is supposed to be a substantive legal procedure.

The United Steelworkers, unfortunately, are extremely familiar with our nation's trade enforcement tools. In recent years, our union has participated in well over 80 trade enforcement cases on products from steel and tires to paper and ammonium sulfate. Each one of those trade cases is an effort to defend working families against unfair trade like illegally dumped and subsidized products entering the U.S. market. These cases take years to develop and often thousands of jobs are lost before an investigation even begins.

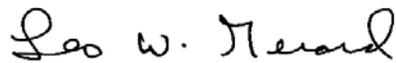
The ability of workers and companies to defend their jobs and facilities rests on the capacity of the Commerce Department and the International Trade Commission (ITC) to be fair and independent arbiters in the process of trade enforcement. The PRINT Act injects partisan Congressional politics into an unfinished quasi-judicial process requiring the review of at least three years of data and which takes more than a year to adjudicate.

The legislation also sets a dangerous precedent for special interests or foreign country lobbyists; if they disagree with the fact-based approach of the ITC/Commerce process, they can petition Congress to nullify the results of internationally accepted and legitimate tools to combat unfair trade practices.

This is a direct attack on the rights of both workers and businesses to defend themselves and use our trade laws to combat illegal and unfair trade.

Manufacturing workers, their companies and their unions are using the tools necessary to save their jobs and industries and to ensure fair and open markets. The PRINT Act would unnecessarily delay an investigation and would threaten domestic manufacturers and workers. **The USW strongly encourages Senators to oppose the legislation.**

Sincerely,



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