



Dear AIIS Members and Steel Supply Chain Partners,

As you probably know from the broad media coverage our latest section 232 initiative has received, we, along with two other plaintiffs, filed on June 27 a legal challenge in federal court seeking a declaratory judgment and an injunction against the enforcement of section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

We took this action now because it was crystal clear that we could not stand by one moment longer while more protectionist-related damage is inflicted on the steel supply chain and on the livelihoods of the many men and women who work in it. This damage may soon extend beyond steel and aluminum to the automobile and auto parts sector, and perhaps to other economic sectors as well.

We are blessed to have an especially gifted, hard-working, and highly accomplished legal team. They are working for us at a significant discount, but this work is not free. Legal costs and related expenses are mounting quickly. We will certainly be outspent by the Government in this effort, but we will not be out-lawyered, or out-worked.

Because of the way our case is designed, we estimate that our costs will be approximately \$250,000, which is a quarter of what most similar trade actions in Washington DC cost due to the generous commitment of our legal team. This is still a significant sum for us, however, and we need your help now, particularly if you or your customers/suppliers are being negatively impacted by the effects of this unnecessary protectionist action.

Please sit down today and write the most generous check you can to help keep our effort going.

We are in court now. If you can afford \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000, or more, we would love to hear from you now. Any amount would help.

I fully appreciate what a sacrifice it is to write that kind of check. But as much as those amounts are, they do not compare to the amount of economic harm your business may continue to suffer under these onerous, destructive, and totally unwarranted trade measures.

The Institute remains the last real voice in Washington for the free and responsible trade in steel, and if we are successful with our case, it will benefit all industries touched by the Section 232 initiative. Were it not for AIIS and your support, we would just become another silent majority.

Please send your donations, which are a legitimate business expense, to:

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Respectfully Submitted,  
John D. Foster

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive. Below the signature, the name "John Foster" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

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