

To: Mr. Kelly Parkhill  
Director for Industry Support and Analysis Import Administration  
Room 3713  
Department of Commerce  
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

cc: The Honorable Donald L. Evans  
Secretary of Commerce

Dear Mr. Parkhill,

Our company, Alabama Fluid System Technologies, has 3 major steel companies in our sales area with 5 separate sites. To say that they are a significant part of our success is an understatement. Beyond selling product to these mills, our manufacturer, The Swagelok Company, is 100% dependent on steel, especially stainless steel, to service our market for industrial instrument valves and fittings.

Recently, we had to justify to our clients a significant price increase due to the unprecedented jump in the price of raw material to our principals, The Swagelok Company. The price jump we were told was nickel related components of stainless steel which seems to be fully controlled by other nations.

In light of our foreign dependence on oil, we Alabamians would not like to go down this similar road with steel. We believe it is urgent that you address and commit to expand and extend the existing steel import monitoring and analysis system. We know how time flies. With only 6 months to go before the existing program expires, we urge your office to take immediate action to help the U.S. companies.

Please let us know your thoughts. We have 23 employees at Alabama Fluid System Technologies who await a reply. Also, our principle, The Swagelok Company, with over 2000 related distributors and associates are very interested in your thoughts and action.

Please help us.

Kindest Regards,

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