## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo Secretary of Commerce U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

We write to express our continued interest in the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed by the U.S. Aluminum Extruders Coalition (Coalition), a group of 14 domestic aluminum extrusion manufacturers, and the United Steelworkers Union (USW). As you know in November 2023, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) made a unanimous preliminary determination finding reasonable indication that the aluminum industry in the United States has been materially injured by imports of aluminum extrusions from 14 countries, including China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam.

We understand that the Coalition companies produce a broad range of extrusions domestically and employ thousands of workers across almost 20 states. We are further informed that the USW represents workers both in the aluminum extrusion industry and the upstream and downstream aluminum supply chains. As a result, it appears that the domestic extrusion industry is responsible for products utilized broadly in almost every industry: from automobiles to aerospace, to construction to computing. Extrusions have significant applications in infrastructure and transportation—aircraft, rail, marine, freight, mass transit, and electrical. We believe that aluminum extrusions are critical to our national security and are components utilized in countless defense systems including ground vehicles, submarines, naval vessels, airframes, and communications.

According to the petitioners, during the period of investigation from 2019 to 2022, foreign imports from the subject countries increased by more than 40 percent. It is also our understanding that during this same period, U.S. producers' share of the U.S. market fell by 11 percent. We believe this is strong evidence that the U.S. aluminum extrusion industry has been materially injured by unfair imports from the subject countries. We agree with petitioners' assertion that while domestic companies have invested in the U.S. economy and have shown a commitment to skilled employees and communities, the increasing trend of other countries exporting at high volume with unfair prices over recent years has led to a downturn in domestic production. According to the petitioners, the alleged margins for dumping/subsidization ranged

from 27% to 377% among the countries, which in turn has led to reduced shifts, downsizing of workforces, and the idling of extrusion presses.<sup>1</sup>

We believe that U.S.-based producers deserve to compete on a fair and level playing field and that determinations to protect domestic producers can help stem the tide of unfairly traded aluminum extrusions, promote U.S. production, and support good-paying jobs. We believe this industry is vital to our economic and national security, and we are committed to ensuring that it does not continue to suffer from unfairly traded products. As your thorough work on these investigations continues, we urge you to carefully and thoroughly consider the submissions of the Coalition members and the USW, including with regard to the scope of products covered by these investigations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Aluminum Extrusions from Fifteen Trading Partners



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