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The Honorable Tim Murphy
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Dear Congressman Murphy:

On behalf of the Steel Manufacturers Association (“SMA¹”), I write to express my appreciation for your leadership in offering amendment #12 to H.R. 1582, seeking to preserve Congressional oversight on the “social cost of carbon”.

The United States has some of the cleanest energy-intensive industries in the world. This is particularly true of the U.S. electric arc furnace (“EAF”) steel industry, which uses a feedstock almost entirely composed of recycled material to manufacture new steel products. Carbon emissions are a physical reality of the steelmaking process; but SMA’s members are committed to process and technology innovations that will improve their efficiency. According to the EPA’s recent report on U.S. GHG emissions, the U.S. steel industry has reduced its process-related carbon equivalent GHG emissions 37 percent below 1990 levels, primarily due to domestic EAF growth. Viewed against Kyoto objectives, U.S. steel producers have already exceeded the Kyoto targeted reduction level by as much as 400 percent.

To the extent that the U.S. Government determines it is necessary to address carbon emissions, such actions should be taken through approved legislative initiatives, rather than through questionable regulatory measures. Congress, stakeholders, and the public should be given the opportunity for careful evaluation and input.

The U.S. steel industry directly employs over 150,000 Americans, and indirectly generates more than one million jobs in the U.S. economy. SMA very much appreciates your efforts to protect those jobs, and to ensure that manufacturing continues to play a vital role in our nation’s economy.

Again, we thank you for your leadership. SMA is pleased to support your amendment #12 to H.R. 1582.

Sincerely,



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¹ SMA is the primary trade association for scrap-based electric arc furnace steel producers. SMA’s member companies account for approximately 75% of US steelmaking capacity.