

April 17, 2018

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Submitted via Email: [bill.morneau@Canada.ca](mailto:bill.morneau@Canada.ca)

Dear Minister Morneau:

**Re: Canadian International Trade Tribunal Decision Rejecting the Need for Steel Safeguards (Tariffs or Quotas) for Concrete Reinforcing Bar and Certain Other Steel Products**

Further to previous correspondence last fall, we are writing in response to the recent ruling of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) regarding safeguard measures (tariffs or quotas) for certain steel products. As you know, last fall the Government of Canada imposed safeguard measures for 200 days asserting that they were warranted to protect the domestic steel industry from injury due to the imposition of Section 232 tariffs in the United States and excess supply in the global marketplace.

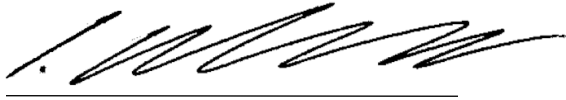
In its hearing process, CITT heard evidence from construction industry representatives in British Columbia about the detrimental effects safeguard measures would have on the provincial construction industry, which is heavily dependent on foreign imports to meet industry demand. In our previous correspondence to you, our three organizations jointly underscored and endorsed this position as leading British Columbia development and construction industry associations.

We are pleased with the recommendations of the CITT that the Government of Canada should not continue safeguard measures on imported concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) and four of the other six steel products subject to the CITT's hearing process (i.e. hot-rolled sheet, pre-painted steel, wire rod, and energy tubular products).

We understand that the Government of Canada must now render a final decision on whether or not to accept the CITT's recommendations by no later than May 13, 2019. **We urge your government to uphold the CITT ruling which agrees with our position outlined in previous correspondence to you on this issue.**

Should you or your officials have any questions on this critical issue, please do not hesitate to contact any of the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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