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We were pleased to see that [your principal] will be in Ukraine on Friday with [other Senators]. Further, that the purpose of the bipartisan trip is to affirm Ukraine as a “strategic ally” and to “reinforce our support with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy”.

In the meeting with President Zelenskyy tomorrow, we trust that bilateral trade, and in particular Ukrainian steel imports to the United States, will be a part of the agenda. This was addressed at the January bilateral between Secretary Pompeo and President Zelenskyy in Ukraine. At that time, the Ukrainian President highlighted the importance of removing trade hurdles such as the “preventative duty on steel imports of 25 percent” to the metallurgical industry and economy of Ukraine.

The Livingston Group, as you know, represents Ukrmetalurgprom, the Ukrainian steel association. Ukrmetalurgprom is a member of the OECD Steel Committee and is among 16 industry groups working with the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity to effectively address global excess in steelmaking. Further, the volume of steel entering the United States from Ukraine is minimal. Iron and steel imports from Ukrmetalurgprom member companies account for around one percent of total imports, and less than one percent of total consumption, in the United States.

Congress and the Trump Administration have confronted the continual onslaught by Russia to Ukraine and our national security considerations in the region through public support and security assistance. Now we have the opportunity to further support Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity by helping to advance its economic security.

We look forward to hearing more about the Senator’s trip and any resulting next steps.

Kind regards,

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