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Re: Response to TRID's Intended Preliminary Decision on UK Steel Safeguards

Dear Sir /Madam

I am writing with regard to the ongoing transition/extension review of the UK's steel safeguards and in particular the recent recommendation that almost half the safeguards not be extended.

I wish to register my views, and those of the steel workers in my constituency, that all these measures should remain in place beyond the expiry date of 30 June. Retaining and extending the UK's steel safeguards is critical to supporting the steel sector at this time, and in recovering from the hugely damaging impacts COVID-19 have had upon the sector and the global economy. Whilst I am aware that the initial determination will be an entirely independent one made by TRID, ultimately the decision rests with the government. The steel sector is a highly interconnected one, and removing the safeguards on some products will ultimately damage the entire sector.

TRID's approach to the review does not fully consider the realities and economic of steel production. The high interconnectivity of steel products means that TRID's assessment of product categories independently from each other does not provide a fully accurate or complete picture of the threat of an increase in imports and the injury that would be caused to the UK sector. Steel companies do not make products in one individual product category but several. They start with the production of crude steel, in which is transformed into 'semi-finished products' and then ultimately into a wide array of 'finished products'.

The products are highly interrelated, with the dynamics of the market for

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