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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
U.S. House of Representatives
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of Nucor Corporation and the more than 20,000 teammates that we employ across the United States, I would like to thank you for introducing the *Invest in American Jobs Act of 2013*. Our country continues to face severe economic challenges, including staggering unemployment. This legislation, which strengthens the Buy America requirements for investment in transportation and infrastructure projects, will help ensure that we overcome these challenges and get America back to work.

We applaud the *Invest in American Jobs Act of 2013* for ensuring that all of the steel, iron, and manufactured goods used in taxpayer-funded transportation and infrastructure projects is produced in the United States. This legislation also uniformly applies Buy America requirements to additional programs under the Department of Transportation and imposes greater transparency in the Buy America waiver process, further maximizing its economic impact. It is simply counterproductive and bad economic policy to allow federal funds to be used to buy unfairly traded goods from China and other countries when thousands of American jobs could be created by buying products produced here at home.

Finally, we stress the importance of maintaining the long-standing requirement that steel be “melted and poured” in the United States in order to be Buy America compliant. The “melted and poured” standard encourages every critical stage of the steelmaking process to occur in the U.S. and therefore maximizes research and development, capital investment and jobs. Any weakening of this standard would encourage capital and resource intensive processes to move overseas, jeopardizing U.S. steelmaking jobs as well as those jobs associated with production of the raw materials used to make steel.

We appreciate your commitment to strengthening the Buy America requirements for investment in transportation and infrastructure and we will actively promote this legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Together, we can get back to being a nation that makes and builds things.

Sincerely,



John Ferriola
CEO and President