

December 23, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We are writing to express our strong support for the acquisition of U. S. Steel by Nippon Steel, as well as our deep concern that the leadership of the United Steelworkers is not acting in the best interests of its members.

Our communities in the Mon Valley of Pennsylvania as well as Gary, Indiana are made up of working-class American men and women whose identity and livelihood depend on the success of U. S. Steel. As such, they overwhelmingly support the vision and commitments that Nippon Steel has introduced to ensure that their jobs are protected and that their local facilities stay open. Nippon Steel does not just want to maintain the status quo – they want to make major investments that will return U. S. Steel to its former glory *and* share that success with their workers.

The fate of this deal directly impacts the people who elected us to look out for them. That is why last week we banded together to bring USW President David McCall back to the negotiating table with Nippon Steel. To be frank, his actions were shocking. He would not engage in good faith, even though Nippon Steel provided a new agreement that addressed each of the concerns that USW leadership had raised with us. McCall announced that he would rather “see what happens” instead of working to secure a deal for his members. As a final insult, he directed the USW to publish a press release saying that the meetings yielded no progress while we were all still in the room trying to reach a resolution.

The leaders of Nippon Steel have been honest and honorable in all our engagements. President McCall has not.

The unfortunate truth is that President McCall has lost support of rank-and-file members because of his refusal to negotiate in good faith on this transaction. Each of us believes deeply in the importance of union labor, but USW leadership is currently playing games at a time when they should be listening to and acting on behalf of their members. And as friends and loyal supporters of you, Mr. President, we fear the risk to your reputation and legacy by relying on the advice of one man – especially one who refuses to represent his constituents.

The recent history of our communities has been marked by struggle and anxiety about what lies ahead, but from the strength of our people comes an optimism that together we can build a brighter future. Nippon Steel is offering them the lifeline they need to make that future a reality,

and we cannot waste this opportunity because of politics or the irrational behavior of a single union leader. We respectfully urge you to listen to the voices of the steelworkers and everyone else whose economic security is tied to U. S. Steel – they are speaking loudly in unison that this deal must be approved.

Sincerely,



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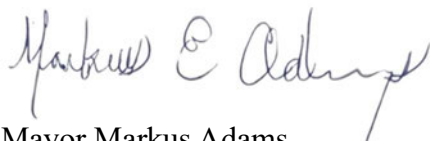
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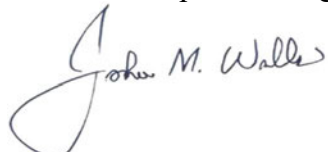
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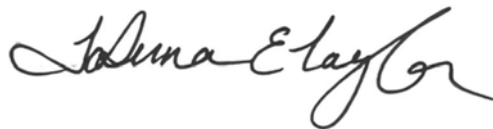
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