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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 27, 2017

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

The Honorable Rhonda K. Schmidlein
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Secretary Ross and Chairman Schmidlein:

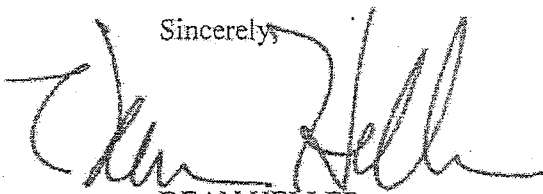
I write to respectfully request your careful consideration of the petition filed by Titanium Metals Corporation ("TIMET") for the imposition of antidumping duties on titanium sponge imported from Japan and Kazakhstan and for the imposition of countervailing duties on titanium sponge imported from Kazakhstan.

TIMET, the last U.S. producer of titanium sponge, employs more than 400 people at its plant in Henderson, Nevada. This plant is a significant source of high-paying jobs in my home state. Working to create more of these and other quality jobs that form the foundation of Nevada's middle class has been my first priority since coming to Congress.

In addition, if TIMET's Henderson plant closes, the United States will be 100% dependent on foreign sources for titanium metal. Titanium is a strategic military material used in many demanding applications and is, therefore, a critical part of the United States' defense industrial supply chain. Because the only other producers of titanium sponge are located in Russia, China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Japan, sole dependence on these foreign producers could place America's national security at risk.

For the reasons stated above, I urge you to carefully consider the allegations set forth in TIMET's petition, which, if true, have the potential to undermine U.S. national security.

Sincerely,



DEAN HELLER
U.S. Senator