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Mr. Mario Longhi
United States Steel Corporation
President and CEO
600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Longhi:

As a major employer in the Metro East region, U.S. Steel's decision to idle Granite City Works at the end of May will be a major blow to the area just as it is recovering from the recession. My hope is that U.S. Steel will work closely with the community to minimize the loss of 2,080 jobs and the effect of those job losses on the local economy.

As U.S. Steel adjusts its production workload in the coming months, I encourage you to re-open Granite City Works as soon as possible. The facility has been in the area since the late 1800s and is a source of pride for your employees and the broader community.

I understand this is a business decision, and those decisions cannot be easy. However, I encourage you to work with the Steelworkers Union Local 1899 to ensure displaced workers have every opportunity for relocation where appropriate, re-training where necessary, and whatever assistance is possible during this difficult time.

I stand ready to do what I can to help keep Granite City Works operating and its employees working.

Sincerely



Richard J. Durbin
United State Senator