RESOLUTION #28 - 2017

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION TO PROTECT THE DOMESTIC STEEL INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) is reviewing whether imports of steel and aluminum are negatively impacting the United States’ economic and national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962; and

WHEREAS, steel and aluminum are vital inputs for America’s defense and critical infrastructure, and the health of these sectors must remain a strong and ready foundation for our economic and national security; and

WHEREAS, the United States is becoming increasingly dependent on foreign governments, such as China and Russia, to supply steel and aluminum for our defense and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, unfair foreign competition compromises America’s and our community’s ability to produce steel and aluminum; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County-based Arcelor Mittal Steelton produces long carbon steel rail and other steel products and is one of the only remaining long carbon mills in the U.S. Protecting this domestic manufacturer not only is critical to our national infrastructure but also to our economy. Arcelor Mittal products can be found all over the country; and

WHEREAS, Arcelor Mittal is one of the region’s largest employers, providing over 500 well-paying jobs. The steel industry supports close to 80,000 full- and part-time jobs and generates more than $9.35 billion a year in Pennsylvania. As one of the top five steel-producing states in the country, Pennsylvania’s economy, in large part, depends on the steel industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners that the County calls upon the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to recommend meaningful action to the U.S. Congress and to President Donald Trump that would allow them to implement appropriate measures and impose trade remedies, such as tariffs or quotas, to protect America’s domestic steel and aluminum producers and ultimately, our economic and national security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage our federal representatives in the U.S. Congress - Senator Pat Toomey, Senator Bob Casey, Rep. Lou Barletta, Rep. Charlie
Dent and Rep. Scott Perry to also demand action from President Trump and the DOC to use all available tools to safeguard American-made steel and aluminum.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2017.

DAUPHIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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