



May 31, 2013

The Honorable William Batchelder  
Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE: Ohio Steel Industry Supports Pipe Monitoring**

Dear Speaker Batchelder:

We write on behalf of Ohio's steel manufacturers in support of the proposed steel pipe monitoring program included in Substitute House Bill 59.

This provision provides for a record keeping system of the country of origin for manufactured oil country tubular good (OCTG) steel products used in the exploration of natural gas or hazardous liquids. The provision is in part in response to foreign pipe products illegally dumped in the United States from various points of origin. This illegal activity threatens the long term viability of Ohio's steel manufacturing sector.

Ohio's steel industry is supportive of the responsible development of the Utica and Marcellus Shale in Ohio. As one of the largest energy consumers, the steel industry looks forward to the abundant supply of natural gas to affordably fuel our country. This legislation would require the oil and gas industry work with the steel industry to create the form that will be used for recording the country of origin.

This legislation supports Ohioans – supports Ohio's steel manufacturing base – and supports State leadership. We thank you for your interest in this important issue. We ask that you offer your support for the proposal, and let us know if you have any questions, or wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Schulz  
Nucor Steel Marion, Inc.  
Chair, Ohio Steel Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Lapp".

Robert Lapp  
The Timken Company  
Chair, Ohio Steel Council Government Affairs  
Committee