



November 14, 2014

The Honorable Dave Hall
Chairman
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: HB 490 -- Steel Pipe Monitoring Program

Dear Chairman Hall:

We write on behalf of Ohio's steel manufacturers in opposition of the proposed changes to the steel pipe monitoring program included in Substitute House Bill 490.

The current steel pipe monitoring program 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 was 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. However the changes proposed in Substitute House Bill 490 would gut the intentions of the steel pipe monitoring program in Ohio.

The current steel pipe monitoring program supports Ohioans – supports Ohio's steel manufacturing base – and supports State leadership. We urge you to remove the proposed changes included in this bill, that fail to recognize the very real threat of illegal dumping of steel pipe in Ohio. We thank you for your interest in this important issue. Please let us know if you have any questions, or wish to discuss further.

Cordially,

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OSC Board President and Chair

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Emily Petrovich
United States Steel Corporation
OSC Government Affairs Committee Chair

cc: House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee