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Immediate Attention Requested

June 6, 2018

**To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
House staff assigned to steel and/or water infrastructure issues**

SUPPORT H.R. 8 - WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) OF 2018

Background: The health and stability of our nation's marine transportation system is critical to the economic competitiveness of the domestic steel industry. AISI member companies rely heavily on seaports and inland waterways to move raw materials that are essential for domestic steelmaking. The national water resources infrastructure system is also key for our companies to move finished steel products to their customers and to end users in the market.

Situation: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018 via voice vote on May 23. This bipartisan legislation would appropriately authorize and fund water resources development projects that will modernize water infrastructure, improve navigation, assist with flood control, and enhance safe drinking water systems. It also continues the two-year legislative authorization cycle that is critical for those who rely on the national water infrastructure system. Finally, it continues critical Army Corps of Engineers permitting reform efforts that allow essential investments to be made.

Request: Please vote in support of H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, when it is considered by the full House today. This legislation would facilitate critical investments in our nation's waterborne transportation system and enhance the economic competitiveness of the domestic steel industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson
President and CEO