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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Minister Freeland:

**RE: US Tariffs on Canadian Steel and Aluminum**

Please accept this letter as an expression of my sincere appreciation for the time you and your Ministry's staff took to meet with me, Kalyan Ghosh and Laura Devoni about US steel tariffs.

As you are aware, Algoma Steel Inc. is a pillar of Sault Ste. Marie's community and while the community is working hard to minimize its economic dependence on it, we have a substantial way to go. Approximately 3,000 people are directly employed by Algoma Steel Inc., approximately 6,000 thousand people are indirectly employed by it and there are in and around 7,000 pensioners whose monthly income depends on it as a going concern. I cannot understate Algoma Steel's importance to our city, the region of Northern Ontario and the country's capacity to produce high quality steel product.

Our meeting left me confident that we share the same opinion on the US tariff, the basis upon which it is levied and the ultimate goal. I support your position to secure a complete tariff lift and commend the efforts you have made to date. I will make myself available to you at any time if I can be supportive of your efforts or helpful in any way. In the meantime, I will keep in regular contact with our Member of Parliament, Mr. Sheehan, and your office.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council  
Terry Sheehan, Sault Ste. Marie MP  
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