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Dear Mr. Gardner and Mses. Famulak and McMullin:

Thank you for your further correspondence of April 17, 2019 regarding the imposition of final safeguards on imports of certain steel products. Please excuse the delay in replying.

On April 3, 2019, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) recommended the imposition of final safeguards on imports of heavy plate and stainless steel wire, following its finding that increased imports of these products threatened to cause serious injury to domestic producers.

In response, on May 13, 2019, the Government of Canada imposed final safeguards on imports of heavy plate and stainless steel wire. As recommended by the CITT, the final safeguards take the form of tariff-rate quotas that are intended to remedy the threat of serious injury caused by increased imports. These safeguards will remain in place until October 2021.

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In light of the CITT's finding that final safeguards were not warranted on other products, and in accordance with Canadian law, the provisional safeguards on imports of concrete reinforcing bar (rebar), energy tubular products, hot-rolled sheet, pre-painted steel and wire rod expired on April 29, 2019.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Morneau", followed by a period.

The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.