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Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Government of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

**Re: U.S. Steel Canada Inc. Lake Erie Works, Nanticoke**

U.S. Steel Canada Inc. has filed a motion with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking an order to continue its operations and obtain further relief under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada)* addressing operations of the company beyond 2015. Norfolk County Council respectfully requests the continued involvement and support of your office to ensure U.S. Steel, the parent firm, fulfills its obligations to Canada and Ontario arising from agreements with Government in 2007 and 2011 which allowed US Steel to acquire Stelco.

It is vitally important to the economy of southern Ontario and this region that U.S. Steel Canada or a new owner of the Hamilton and Nanticoke operations will continue to make high-quality steel products and provide good work and meet employment obligations to approximately 2,200 employees. If it is not possible for U.S. Steel Canada to find a restructuring solution, then we sincerely urge the Government of Ontario to assist with efforts to step up the process of finding a new owner. We also ask that your Government reviews applicable trade agreements to ensure that steel making in Canada is not vulnerable to predatory and unfair practices of offshore steel producers in sectors such as automobile production in Ontario.

Finally, we ask your Government to intervene to ensure that U.S. Steel Canada is not permitted to suspend pension funding contributions and is required to uphold its pension and benefit obligations to retirees and surviving spouses. We trust that the Government of Ontario will do everything in its power to ensure Lake Erie Works continues as a fully integrated steelmaking facility and that Hamilton Works continues coke making and finishing operations, including its premier zinc-coating facility, the world-class Z-Line.

On behalf of Norfolk County Council, I sincerely thank you for your consideration in making this a matter of high priority and utmost mutual importance to your Government and the Government of Canada.

Yours truly,



Charlie Luke  
Mayor, Norfolk County

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cc MP Diane Finley  
MPP Toby Barrett  
Mayor Ken Hewitt, Haldimand County  
✓ Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton