

Thus, we support the stand recently expressed before your Committee—by one of these foreign suppliers—Alcan—namely, to reduce and eventually eliminate the U.S. Tariff on aluminum ingot products. We believe our entire industry can benefit by removing trade barriers between countries and thereby allow our free enterprise system to operate most effectively.

Yours very truly,

J. M. O'CONNOR, *Executive Vice President.*

AMERICAN METAL IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
New York, N.Y., July 1, 1968.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the American Metal Importers Association, Inc., a non-profit trade association incorporated in New York, which numbers among its members the principal importers of Aluminum Products and other Non-Ferrous Metal Products from Europe and other parts of the world.

We wish to state for the record our support of the Trade Expansion Act of 1968 and of a continued expansionary U.S. trade policy. Our membership is strongly opposed to any general or specific quota or other trade restrictive proposals presently being considered by you.

We are gratified to know that the U.S. Aluminum Industry has taken a similar position in its testimony before you. In turn, we fully agree with the U.S. Aluminum Industry's request that the United States seek in future trade negotiations to reduce tariff and non-tariff trade in non-ferrous metals and metal products between the United States and its trading partners in the GATT. This forward looking view in the United States and Aluminum Industry should be an indication to the Committee of the strength of the sentiment among responsible American businessmen for an expansion of mutually beneficial trade.

In conclusion, we wish to express our gratitude to the Committee for the opportunity afforded us to express our views on future U.S. trade policy.

Very truly yours,

AUBREY L. MOSS, *President.*

UNITED STATES EXTRUSIONS CORP.,
Woodbury, Long Island, N.Y., June 27, 1968.

Congressman WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: We are writing in regard to the hearings your Committee is conducting on the U.S. tariff on aluminum ingot.

We are an independent aluminum extruder, and, together with our affiliates, employ approximately 500 people.

The Aluminum Association, which for all practical purposes is the domestic primary producers of aluminum, seek not only the retaining of the present tariff, but an increase, solely so that they, once again, may be the only suppliers to the aluminum industry in this country.

Some years back, when this was the case, the domestic primes sold their basic metal to independents, such as ourselves, at whatever prices they thought fit, and then proceeded to kick the devil out of us, in the market place of fabricated and semi-fabricated products.

It was only when companies such as ours were able to import metal, particularly from Canada, did the U.S. primes become more competitive in the sale of ingot, but their ability to freeze us out of any market they chose was substantially reduced.

We respectfully suggest that we do not think it is the intention of your committee to allow the domestic prime producers to hold the power of life or death over the heads of the independent member of the aluminum industry, or to shape American trade and/or foreign policies.

We, and the hundreds of other similar companies, throughout the country, ask that you reduce the import tariff on aluminum ingot in the interests of fair