

**Dan Lawwill, President and Directing Business Representative, Local Lodge 1943
International Association of Machinist & Aerospace Workers
AK Steel Middletown Works
Middletown, Ohio**

Testimony Presented To The U.S. International Trade Commission

**Five-Year Sunset Review of Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Argentina,
China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Taiwan And
Thailand**

July 31 - August 1, 2007

My name is Dan Lawwill. I am the President and Directing Business Representative of Local Lodge 1943 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Our Local represents most of the nearly 2,000 workers at the Middletown Works of AK Steel.

Our international union, the IAM, continues to fight hard for fair trade policies that will result in good jobs here at home. With roughly three million jobs lost in the manufacturing sector in the past few years, we must do everything that we can to ensure that the steel industry does not lose more jobs to unfair trade.

Middletown Work's hot strip mill is one of the most productive in the world. Virtually all of AK Steel depends on our hot strip mill, which converts all of the company's carbon steel into hot-rolled steel. Our mill has technology second to none and steelmaking expertise that spans more than a century.

As good as our mill is, and as good as the operators we have at IAM Local Lodge 1943, there is one thing that I guarantee you we cannot do. We cannot compete with foreign steel companies and foreign governments who have no respect for our trade

laws. We cannot compete against companies that send their hot rolled steel to the United States priced below their actual costs and subsidized by their governments. We simply cannot compete with foreign governments and companies who flagrantly ignore the basic rules of the marketplace.

Unlike a number of steel companies in this country, AK Steel has avoided the pain of restructuring through bankruptcy. That is not to say that our members have not felt the effects of globalization. We certainly have. We have a smaller workforce, we have fewer job classes, and we are sharing in the cost of our health care. But with the existing trade remedies in place, we are still making hot rolled steel.

We know full well that if the existing trade remedies are revoked, all of the countries at issue will use lower prices to grab a share of the U.S. market, just as they did before the remedies were imposed. They know that the United States is the most open and attractive steel market in the world. Because their steel is no better than our steel, they will use cheap prices to buy their way back into our market. That can only mean that fewer workers will be making hot rolled steel in this country if the trade remedies are revoked.

The United States cannot afford to lose any more jobs in the steel industry to unfair trade practices. On behalf of IAM Local 1943 and workers at the Middletown Works, I ask the Commission to keep the remedies in place. This is about keeping good jobs—jobs with good wages and benefits—here at home.

Thank you.