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European Steel Action Plan - Letter for Urgent Action

Dear Commissioner-Designate Séjourné,

The European steel sector is in crisis and we urgently need a **strong EU Steel and Basic Metals Action Plan** to safeguard the sector and thousands of jobs in Europe.

Global steel overcapacity is at a record high and European energy and raw material prices remain at sky rocketing levels. Steel sites are facing record low demand and production cuts, mothballing and plant closures can be seen across Europe with over **300,000 direct jobs** and **2.6 million indirect jobs** at risk.

This is why we MEPs support the attached European steel social partners' joint paper on an urgent EU Action Plan to safeguard the sector and thousands of jobs.

The European Steel Social Partners, industriAll European Trade Union and EUROFER, are calling on the European Commission and Member States to:

- Take action so that **EU trade policy** ensures industrial resilience including: strengthen and ensure an assertive enforcement of the EU trade defence instruments, and adopt a structural solution to comprehensively stop the spill-over impact of the persisting and worsening global excess capacity.
 - Monitor and introduce measures to ensure that **CBAM works in practice** and that there is no circumvention or resource shuffling, while preserving exports.
 - Adopt measures that transfer the cost-efficient benefits of **renewable and low-carbon electricity** to consumers.
 - Introduce a policy to **create lead markets** for green steel made in Europe.
 - Increase support for **investment in the transition** to green steel.
 - Take action to **secure access to critical raw materials** for steel-making, including steel scrap.
 - Support strong **social policy for good industrial jobs** in Europe, including an EU Directive on Just Transition.
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We, the undersigned MEPs, support this joint paper and call for urgent action from the European Commission via an EU Steel and Metals Action Plan in the first 100 days of the Commission that makes a real impact and safeguards the sector and thousands of jobs.

The time for words is over and we need urgent action now to save this strategic sector.

Yours sincerely,

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