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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) welcomed the U.S. International Trade Commission's (ITC) unanimous ruling that the importation of oil country tubular goods from China is causing material injury to the United States' steel industry. With this ruling, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) will now impose countervailing duty orders on Chinese oil country tubular goods. This will help to off-set the unfair advantages Chinese manufacturers have enjoyed as a result of government subsidies.

Several domestic steel manufacturers -- including U.S. Steel, TMK IPSCO, and Wheatland Tube Corporation – and the United Steelworkers filed a petition with the ITC in April requesting that duties be levied against the Chinese oil country tubular goods that have flooded American markets in recent years. In December, Altmire testified in front of the ITC in support of the steel industry's case.

**“The International Trade Commission’s unanimous ruling is truly great news for America’s steel industry,” Altmire said. “For years, a flood of heavily subsidized Chinese imports has placed America’s steel industry at an unfair competitive disadvantage. By imposing duties on these imports, we are once again providing American companies with the level playing field that they deserve.”**