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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- During a Congressional Steel Caucus hearing today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) asked steel industry representatives about the impact that international trade violations have on their businesses. Several witnesses with ties to western Pennsylvania testified, including L. Scott Barnes, Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of TMK IPSCO; Michael S. Williams, Senior Vice President of North American Flat-Rolled Operations for the United States Steel Corporation; Tom Conway, the International Vice President of the United Steelworkers; and Carl R. Moulton, Senior Vice President for Allegheny Technologies Incorporated. During the hearing, many witnesses raised concerns about China's ongoing currency manipulation and unfair trade practices. Congressman Altmire is a cosponsor of the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act, which would help safeguard American jobs by holding countries accountable for manipulating their currencies.

"Western Pennsylvania's steel industry has always been a critically important part of our region's economy," Congressman Altmire said. "During today's hearing, steel industry representatives highlighted how other countries' unfair trade practices undermine American manufacturers' ability to compete on a level playing field in the global economy. I will continue working in Congress to enact legislation that will help domestic manufacturers grow and create jobs here at home."