The Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users (CAMMU) issued the following statement on Senate passage today by a vote of 88-11 on a provision that instructs lawmakers working on reconciling spending bills to include language that would give Congress a role in Section 232 tariffs.

“The Coalition applauds the Senate for taking this important first step to reassert its authority in the implementation of Section 232 tariffs. Senators are listening to their constituents—small and medium sized manufacturers across the country—who are facing the real world unintended consequences of the Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum. These consequences for U.S. manufacturers include price spikes of more than 50 percent, delivery delays and the inability to source the steel and aluminum they need from both foreign and domestic suppliers. The result is lost business to overseas competitors who can purchase steel at globally competitive prices. The Coalition calls on the Trump Administration to end these damaging tariffs as soon as possible.”

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The Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users is a broad organization of U.S. businesses and trade associations representing over 30,000 companies and over one million American workers in the manufacturing sector and the downstream supply chains of industries including aerospace, agriculture, automotive, consumer goods, construction, defense, electrical, medical, and recreational, among others. The Coalition was formed to oppose the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs which threaten American jobs and global competitiveness. For additional information, visit www.tariffsaretaxes.org and follow the Coalition on Twitter at @tariffsaretaxes.