

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber Partners with Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie Chambers of Commerce, Urging Prime Minister to Address China Dumping Steel into Canada**

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC) has teamed up with the Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie Chambers of Commerce to write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, requesting that the Government of Canada address the issue of China dumping steel into Canada.

Further to this letter, the three Chambers are bringing this as a resolution to the Canadian Chamber AGM, September 17-19 in Regina, SK, to gain national support.

The resolution states:

#### **Support the Canadian Steel Industry and its Supply Chain Clusters**

*The Canadian steel industry is a cornerstone of our national economy. It constitutes not only steel producers, but also the role it plays as a supplier and innovator for numerous manufacturing industries across the country. Recently, a combination of increased regulation, the instability of the global market economy and unfair market behaviour by foreign competitors has led to a sharp decline in their ability of our steel industry to compete globally.*

The WERCC, Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie Chambers recommend that the federal government focus public policy and investment efforts toward the steel industry, its natural clusters and the innovation it creates. This includes addressing ongoing unfair trade practices by foreign nations.

“The issue of Chinese state owned enterprises competing with Canadian entrepreneurs and companies needs to be addressed,” said Matt Marchand, WERCC President & CEO.

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