



USW 6787 Vice President Pete Trinidad's testimony leads to 6-0 trade victory over steel plate from: Korea, India, Indonesia; Revokes Orders from Japan and Italy.

International President Leo Gerard confirmed that the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) voted 6-0 to continue tariffs on cut-to-length steel plate imports for five years. Gerard also commended Vice President Pete Trinidad's expert testimony.

Trinidad, who led a delegation of 17 plate-producing steelworkers, testified: "The last decade has been a roller coaster ride for our members who make cut-to-length plate. They have faced bankruptcies, plant closures, forced retirements, lost wages, and reductions in pensions and health care benefits." He reported that plate orders gradually picked up in May 2010, demonstrating the importance of the import tariffs. In August of this year, a second crew was hired, but that new demand has not developed. **"Every ton of dumped plate that is allowed to enter our market is a ton of plate that steelworkers at Burns Harbor won't get to make."**

Pete further stated, **"Our local will take on ArcelorMittal, the U.S. International Trade Commission, or any nation who attempts to steal the jobs of 6787 members. The rights of workers know no borders."**

It is especially notable that Pete is the *first* USW local union vice president to *ever* testify before the International Trade Commission.

In Solidarity,

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