

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**March 16, 2017**

**Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce to Appear Before  
House of Commons' Standing Committee on International Trade on  
Steel Industry**

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC), along with the Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie Chambers of Commerce, is scheduled to appear before the House of Commons' Standing Committee on International Trade in Ottawa on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in view of its study of the Canadian Steel Industry's Ability to Compete Internationally.

In August 2016, the WERCC 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 brought this as a resolution to the Canadian Chamber AGM in September 2016, where it gained national support.

"The Canadian steel industry is a cornerstone of our national economy and important to Windsor-Essex with key employers such as Atlas Tube in Harrow. The instability of the steel market, in large part due to China's steel dumping and non market economy, has led to the sharp decline in the ability of our steel industry to compete globally, costing middle class jobs," said WERCC President & CEO Matt Marchand.

"The Chambers would like to extend special thanks to Tracey Ramsey, MP – Essex, for setting up this meeting," Marchand continued.

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