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## **Steelworkers Oppose ATI Tariff Exceptions**

### **“Merry Christmas from ATI”**

Through its partnership with the Tsingshan Group in Indonesia, ATI has now filed a request with the U.S. Department of Commerce asking for tariff exclusions to import stainless steel hot-band coils from Indonesia.

They claim it's Tsingshan that wants the exclusions that will allow the stainless to enter the United States and be run in Midland, Pa., but this is merely the latest example of the complete mismanagement of this company.

The USW ATI locals are more than supportive of restarting the Midland facilities, but as usual the company is only telling half the story. If ATI would expand the lucrative stainless business, Midland could easily be operating with coils produced in Brackenridge.

But after two labor disputes since 2015, ATI is now attempting an end-around to bring these coils into the U.S., even though ATI can produce and process the material within the company's facilities in the United States.

Last year, the company announced it would exit the stainless business – against the advice of the USW. Now, stainless prices have risen to the highest they've been in decades.

Meanwhile, the Hot Mill and Melt Shop in Brackenridge, Pa., and the Louisville facility in Ohio still have the capacity to produce the same materials here in the United States.

The Melt Shop is only running nine or ten turns per week when running and has the capability to produce the material and the Hot Mill is nowhere near capacity.

Louisville continues to operate and can still finish the materials.

If ATI wanted, the company could easily produce the stainless domestically. Instead, they are on a mission to ruin this iconic company with their inept and careless business decisions.

It is a complete slap in the face to all the active and retired employees at ATI (formally Allegheny Ludlum) who have been producing stainless steel in this country for over 75 years!

Shame on ATI and the mess its management has made of a great American steel company!