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## CITAC Connections

### ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

September was indeed a cruel month for Americans. CITAC joins with the millions at home and abroad expressing our horror about the terrorist attacks of September 11, and our deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of all who lost their lives in those events. Against that background, a report on CITAC's activities in September seems somehow trivial, but we know that fairness and transparency still matter importantly.

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#### Capitol Hill/Administration Initiatives

- *House/Senate* – CITAC staff and members met with three trade staffers in key congressional offices to encourage their representatives to co-sponsor the Transparency and Fairness Trade Act (H.R. 2770). CITAC also met with Trade Subcommittee staff to talk about the bill and other CITAC initiatives being pursued for the rest of this congressional session.
- *Steel 201 Investigation* – CITAC arranged for two consuming industry representatives to testify during the Administration-initiated Section 201 Steel Investigation injury hearings before the International Trade Commission. Bill Sopko, President of Stamco Industries and member company of the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA); and John Kennedy, President and CEO of Autocam Corporation and member company of the Precision Machined Products Association (PMPA) testified about how import restrictions on steel would adversely impact their businesses. Lewis Leibowitz, CITAC Counsel, also appeared and submitted pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs on behalf of CITAC.

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## **Press Activities**

CITAC sent out two Press Releases this month. One detailed the organization's participation in the ITC hearing. The second announced the availability of an interactive map on the CITAC web site that allows users to identify, for each state and congressional district, the number of jobs in steel-consuming industries to the number of jobs in steel-producing industries.

## **Other Efforts**

CITAC's Chairman Jon Jenson made a presentation to the Cleveland Association for Business Economics (CABE). His union opponent was Tim Buxton, staff representative of the United Steel Workers of America. Jon made some good points on why steel import restrictions do not work. Jon also distributed more copies of the steel study to a very interested audience of economists and others.

Lewis Leibowitz appeared on the public radio show "One Union Station" on September 4 to discuss the 201 investigation and other steel related trade issues.

## **CITAC IN THE NEWS...**

Here's a sampling of this month's press coverage of CITAC:

- *Gannett News Service (August 28); The Associated Press (September 17);*

*Deseret News (September 17):* Detailing CITAC's concerns about restrictions on steel imports.

- *Daily Mail (September 3); PR Newswire (September 17); Charleston Gazette (September 17); Cleveland Plain Dealer (September 18); American Metals Market (September 19); and Agence France-Presse (September 21):* Describing CITAC's participation in the 201 investigation.
- *Dow Jones Newswires (September 5):* Reporting reaction from Lewis Leibowitz on the Commerce Department finding of 30.8% antidumping duties on large-diameter welded steel pipe from Japan.

## **CITAC'S SPECIAL THANKS THIS MONTH GO TO...**

The following individuals went the extra mile this month in helping achieve CITAC's goals:

**John Kennedy, Autocam Corporation**, who flew to Washington – despite the heightened security – to testify at the ITC Injury hearing.

**Bill Sopko, Stamco Industries**, who drove seven hours from his home to Washington, DC to testify at the ITC hearing.