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Dear Len,

The 850,000 members of the United Steelworkers in the United States and Canada support Unite's call for the renationalization of the United Kingdom's steel industry.

The announcement by Tata Steel that it will sell its UK assets threatens the livelihood of 19,000 steelworkers, their families and communities.

The threatened destruction of the entire UK steel industry would do serious damage to the UK's economy and national security, with implications not only for national defense but for the UK's allies as well.

These are productive and profitable plants, staffed by experienced and skilled workers. A temporary nationalization would allow government, business and unions to devise a rational plan to restructure the industry.

The UK government and the nation's friends and allies in North America and Europe cannot allow the tyranny of the market to destroy a bulwark of democracy. They should all support Unite's renationalization initiative.

In solidarity,

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