

NIPPON/USS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AN ACQUISITION GOOD FOR BURRITT, BAD FOR WORKERS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Nippon and U.S. Steel continue their high-priced public relations campaign as they seek to sell out domestic workers, retirees and communities.

This now includes Nippon hiring a former member of the Trump cabinet to try to convince us that the deal is somehow more than an attempt to line the pockets of corporate executives.

The facts remain: Nippon still has not provided any true guarantees that our jobs, wages or benefits will be protected beyond the expiration of our current agreements in 2026, and our national security and critical supply chains remain vulnerable under the terms of the current deal.

Just because the formerly high-ranking government officials and other consultants are willing to parrot the language of anyone who pays them enough doesn't change the situation.

All of this also comes on top of recent reports that U.S. Steel tripled the amount it spent on lobbying this year, even as it maintains its own massive public relations push.

We've all seen the propaganda. But we know better than anyone that U.S. Steel's true value and staying power comes from us and our labor. As long as we remain united, our solidarity will lead the way as we fight to enforce our contracts.

Our arbitration is scheduled to begin this week and we will continue to keep everyone informed.

Mike Millsap

District 7 Director & Chairman of the Negotiating Committee

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International President