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### **AISI SUPPORTS LEGISLATION STRENGTHENING OSHA'S VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM (VPP)**

**Washington, D.C.-** The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) today released letters endorsing the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Act, recently introduced by Sens. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.) and Mary Landrieu (D-La.) in the Senate (S. 807) and by Reps. Tom Petri (R-Wis.) and Gene Green (D-Texas) in the House (H.R 1511).

The legislation will codify and strengthen the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program, a cooperative government-industry effort to improve worker health and safety. Several AISI member companies are participants in the VPP and the industry recognizes the importance of cooperation between all stakeholders to meeting the shared national goal of workplace safety and health.

"The steel industry places the highest priority on occupational health and safety (OHS) matters because it is imperative that our valuable workers remain safe and healthy at their workplaces," the letters state. "Our experience has demonstrated that cooperative efforts among company management, employees, and government can help maximize safety and health. Your legislation to codify and strengthen the Voluntary Protection Program at OSHA is a welcome step towards recognizing the importance of cooperation between all stakeholders to maximize safety and health."

Click [here](#) to read the full letter sent to Sens. Enzi and Landrieu.

Click [here](#) to read the full letter sent to Reps. Petri and Green.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 25 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 118 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 80 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at [www.steel.org](http://www.steel.org).

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