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**AISI VOICES STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE
JOBS AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT**

Legislation aims to invest in energy and rebuild our transportation infrastructure

Washington, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) voiced strong support for the bipartisan Infrastructure Jobs and Energy Independence Act introduced today by Reps. Tim Murphy (R-PA), Bill Shuster (R-PA), Jim Costa (D-CA) and Tim Walz (D-MN). The legislation focuses on expanding access to America’s domestic oil and natural gas sources, and rebuilding America’s transportation system.

“As major consumers of energy, our member companies in the steel industry are negatively impacted by high energy costs,” AISI President and CEO Thomas J. Gibson said. “This legislation will lower energy costs not only for our industry, but our suppliers and customers, while allowing us to maximize our international competitiveness. Steel plays a vital role in the gathering and transmission of oil and natural gas through the use of steel pipe and tubing. Additionally, this legislation aims to rebuild America’s crumbling transportation infrastructure, which will create manufacturing jobs in the short and long term. We urge members of the House of Representatives to co-sponsor this job-creating legislation and make it a key part of a comprehensive national energy independence strategy.”

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.

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