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**LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STANDS UP FOR THE STEEL INDUSTRY**

**EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., JANUARY 28, 2001 . . .** The Labor-Management Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois unanimously approved a motion at its monthly meeting to support efforts to protect the local steel industry. The efforts are being spearheaded by National Steel - Granite City Division, steel workers locals 16, 30, 67, 68, 4063 along with chemical workers locals 50 and 764, against unfair trading of foreign steel that puts steel mills across the country at risk of closure. Six American steel companies have been driven into bankruptcy in the last three months.

To offer their support, the Labor-Management Committee has issued this statement:

**“We, as a committee, oppose the continuation of unfair trading of steel imports to this country and support any measure to impose effective relief for the American steel industry. We believe a strong steel industry is critical to the nation’s economic well being. Over the past decade, National Steel and the U.S.W.A. (United Steel Workers of America) Locals and International Chemical workers locals have exemplified a model of Labor and Management cooperation. They have earned awards from the State of Illinois and from our committee. They are excellent community citizens. The economic impact of the company and its 3000 local employees equals about \$2 billion per year. The loss of National Steel – Granite City Division would be devastating to Southwestern Illinois so we encourage area residents to contact their local congressman and representatives to lend their support.”**

The Labor-Management Committee is made up of 12 labor, 12 management and two ex officio members, the committee works by consensus towards common goals and initiatives outlined and funded by grants provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). The Committee is the first committee formed by the Leadership Council in 1983 and the longest, continuously operating labor and management committee in the State of Illinois.

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