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Dear Ruth,

Thank you for contacting me about the impact of steel tariff changes on local businesses.

I appreciate the urgent concerns of the local steel industry with regard to the Government's Plan for Steel, which includes a commitment to cut tariff-free import quotas by 60% from July 2026, and thank you for having raised these with me. Having been recently contacted by The Amodil Group in Cleobury Mortimer about this very issue, I have already raised these concerns at the highest level in Parliament.

*Speaking in the Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill debate on Thursday 21st May, I made clear that: 'The UK cannot meet domestic market demand, and a huge gap will be created. Businesses will be forced to import, and tariffs will drive up costs by 50%. There is not the cash across the industry to absorb those extra costs without mass redundancies. The costs will be passed on, meaning that manufacturers' costs will go up. What will happen then? The customer will buy the finished product from manufacturers overseas at a lower price, and those products are not subject to tariffs. That does not level the playing field for us.'*

In an extraordinary intervention during my speech, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, The Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP, has promised to 'look into this personally'. Trust that I am following this matter extremely closely and will be holding the Secretary of State to account on this commitment. I am fully committed to supporting measures which will allow Shropshire's steel industry to thrive.

Thank you again for having taken the time to contact me about this.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Anderson MP

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