

U.S. Sen. Johnson: And U.S. Sen. McCaskill press Dept. of Commerce for tariff exclusion information

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Ranking Member Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) sent a letter Thursday to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross reiterating an earlier request for information regarding the steel and aluminum tariff exclusion process. The Commerce Department has not yet responded to an August 9 letter from the chairman requesting this information.

“The Commerce Department’s inability to respond to congressional oversight is unacceptable,” the senators wrote. “The public has a right to know how the Department determines whether to approve or deny exclusion requests. Businesses that are struggling to comply with the uncertainty of the exclusion process deserve clear answers. If the Department does not produce the information by September 13, 2018, the Committee may be forced to consider use of compulsory process.”

Sen. Johnson and Sen. McCaskill’s letter to Secretary Ross can be found [here](#)