Wilson reaction to the idling of Severstal's operations in Martins Ferry and Yorkville

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) released the following statement today:

"Severstal warned us last month that its plants would be idled in a staggered fashion in June. Even though we knew today's news would come, it doesn't make it any easier to take. It is still my sincere hope that by working to turn our economy around, we can get these plants back up and running and get our friends and neighbors back to work. I will continue to work in Washington to make sure that as we move forward on major policies like energy, that they include American Steel. As we expand wind energy in this country, for example, there's no reason that those big wind turbines can't be fabricated from steel that's made right in the Ohio Valley. In the meantime, my thoughts are with the newly unemployed workers and their families."