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Even as supply lines strain, Biden is in no rush to scrap Trump's steel tariffs

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“The 232 isn't going anywhere,” said Samir Kapadia, a lobbyist with the Vogel Group.

Rather than scrapping the tariffs, as critics including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have demanded, the administration could use them as a model for new trade barriers to fight climate change, analysts said. **Section 232 gives the president sweeping powers to use tariffs to combat whatever he deems a national security threat.**

“They like the power they have and the potential to use the law for their goals. In this case, climate is the big one,” said Scott Lincicome, a trade attorney and senior fellow at the Cato Institute.

The Biden administration is reviewing its trade policies, including the fees of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo this month said the tariffs “helped save American jobs in the steel and aluminum industries,” a possible signal that the taxes will continue.