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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Finance Committee
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:


Clariant Corporation would like to affirm its strong support of S. 2896 – To suspend temporarily the duty on U.S. imports of Crotonic Acid. If granted, this temporary tariff suspension would benefit Clariant Corporation and its industrial customers that use this material as a specialty chemical intermediate in a number of diverse applications.

Crotonic Acid is not manufactured domestically and therefore suspension of duties would not put any U.S. operation at a disadvantage.

Clariant is hopeful that the Senate will include S. 2896 as a part of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Andy Zamoyski (in Washington) at (202) 415-9159, or call me directly at (704) 331-7796.

Regards,


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