

July 19, 2006

The Honorable Charles Grassley
The Honorable Max Baucus
The Senate Finance Committee
219 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 951: To suspend temporarily the duty on titanium dioxide anatase hombitan LC-S.
S. 3361: To suspend temporarily the duty on titanium dioxide anatase.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Baucus:

On behalf of the Lyondell Chemical Company, I would submit our opposition to Senate Bills, S. 951 and S. 3361.

Lyondell favors free and open trade with either the elimination of titanium dioxide tariffs to and from the United States or at least equivalent tariffs for all titanium dioxide products between countries. If enacted, S. 951 and S. 3361 would only temporarily authorize the tariff free importation of anatase TiO₂ products into the US with no reciprocal tariff structure for titanium dioxide products exported from the US. For these reasons Lyondell opposes the passage of these bills.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these bills. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our comments on this important trade matter.

Regards,



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