



November 9, 2009

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Reference: Umbrella tariff Bills S. 2613, S. 2614, S. 2617

Dear Chairman Baucus:

Futai, Inc. (USA) is a manufacturer and wholesale distributor of umbrellas and rain accessories.

We strongly support S. 2613, S. 2614 and S. 2617, as introduced by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). The elimination of the 8.2% duty on imported stick and golf umbrellas is important to help stabilize the ever-spiraling costs of products sold in the USA. The fact that there is no domestic production of these umbrellas results only in the American consumer paying an inflated price for no reason. This is further underscored by the fact that umbrellas with collapsible shafts have a 0% duty rate.

Passage of these bills is greatly beneficial to the U.S. consumer, retailers and umbrella companies. There is broad support of these non-controversial bills. We urge the Committee to include the bill in the tariff package to benefit the broad base it affects.

Sincerely,

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