

May 5, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Minority Leader  
H-204 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways & Means  
1102 Longworth  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Camp  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways & Means  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Boehner, Chairman Levin and Ranking Member Camp:

The time has come for action on the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB). On behalf of the hundreds of companies and their employees who rely on the MTB for relief from unnecessary tariff costs that hinder U.S. manufacturing and other U.S. businesses we ask your support for its immediate passage. Further delays in the consideration of the MTB will only exacerbate our economic situation and threaten further erosion of jobs in the United States.

The MTB typically consists of hundreds of individual duty suspension provisions on inputs and other products not produced or otherwise available domestically. Each proposed duty suspension is subject to a meticulous and non-partisan vetting process to ensure that no domestic producers of the affected product exist. The U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Office of Management and Budget - in addition to the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction - all collaborate to review every bill. Moreover, this process is perhaps the most transparent used by Congress. Each proposal is subject to public comment periods both during the executive branch vetting process and again before the House Ways & Means Committee considers the omnibus MTB.

The last MTB, passed by Congress in 2006 has expired. As a result, manufacturers and businesses of all sizes across the country now face higher tariffs on inputs and other products not otherwise available in the United States. These higher costs translate to lost revenue and lower wages. In fact, the MTB has been estimated to support more than 90,000 U.S. jobs and \$3.5 billion in GDP growth. The cost-savings achieved by the MTB allow U.S. manufacturers and businesses to maintain competitive operations, invest in new facilities, re-train workers, and preserve our manufacturing base. In short, the enactment of the MTB, including new duty suspensions that have been fully vetted, is vital to the U.S. economy.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)  
American Automotive Policy Council  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Lighting Association  
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC)  
Applied Materials, Inc.  
Arch Chemicals, Inc.  
Arkema Inc.  
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.  
Association of Food Industries  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)  
BASF Corporation  
Bayer Corporation  
The Bedding Group  
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Borregaard Synthesis  
Bridgestone Americas, Inc.  
Brooks Sports, Inc.  
Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.  
Business Roundtable  
CAMELBAK Products, LLC  
Caron International, Inc.  
Cascade Designs  
Caterpillar, Inc.  
Celanese Corporation  
Cellular Technologies  
Church & Dwight Co., Inc  
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)  
Coats North America  
ColorChem International Corp.  
Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association  
Corning Incorporated  
CropLife America  
Custom Brokers & Forwarders Association of Northern California  
Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association of Washington State

Deckers Outdoor Corporation  
The Dow Chemical Company  
DuPont  
Eastern Mountain Sports  
Eastman Chemical Company  
EC Pigments  
Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)  
ESCO Company LLC  
Exxel Outdoors Inc.  
Fanwood Chemical, Inc.  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)  
Firmenich Inc.  
Ford Motor Company  
Fortune Brands, Inc.  
FMC Corporation  
General Motors Corporation  
Glen Raven, Inc.  
Hamilton Beach  
The Hosiery Association  
Hides, LLC  
HMX Group  
Honeywell International  
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
International Sleep Products Association  
John Deere  
Josmo Shoes  
Kellwood Company  
Korkers Products, LLC  
LaCrosse Footwear, Inc.  
LANXESS Corp  
LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc.  
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.  
LG Display America, Inc.  
Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association  
Mattel, Inc.  
Mechanix Wear  
Metglas, Inc.  
Michaels Stores, Inc  
Milliken & Co.  
MTB Coalition  
Nation Ford Chemical  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO)  
National Foreign Trade Council

National Spinning Co., Inc.  
Nichino America  
Nike  
NuFarm Americas, Inc.  
Oboz Footwear  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders, Inc.  
Patagonia, Inc.  
PPG Industries  
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Prestige Apparel Inc.  
Procter & Gamble  
Quality Colors, LLC  
Reebok  
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)  
R.G. Barry Corporation  
Robertson Harness  
Rockport  
Rocky Brands, Inc.  
Samuels International Inc.  
San Diego Customs Brokers Association  
S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA)  
Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorated Products  
Solutia Inc.  
Solvay Solexis  
Sony  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association  
Sun Chemical  
Symrise Inc.  
Syngenta  
Target  
Tariff Action Coalition  
TaylorMade-adidas Golf  
The Timberland Company  
Tosoh USA, Inc.  
Toy Industry Association  
Tuscarora Yarns, Inc.  
Unifi, Inc.  
United Color Manufacturing  
U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel, USA-ITA  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Valent Inc.

VF Corporation  
Vita Nonwovens  
Warren Corporation  
Whirlpool Corporation  
W.L. Gore and Associates  
Zeon Chemicals L.P.