

January 27, 2015

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Hatch and Ryan:

Congratulations on your election as chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees. We look forward to working with you on a broad range of issues before your committees in the future, but today we strongly urge you to work together in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion to craft a path forward for the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) as soon as possible.

Passage of the MTB would eliminate or reduce import duties on potentially thousands of raw materials, intermediate and other products that are not available in the United States. For three decades on a bipartisan basis, Congress has approved this critical jobs bill, which currently enjoys broad bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. The MTB is exactly the type of legislation Congress needs to consider without delay; it cuts costs for America's job creators and strengthens their competitiveness in a challenging global economy.

Yet, manufacturers across a broad range of industries have been facing significantly higher tariffs on necessary manufacturing inputs since Congress has failed to renew the MTB since it expired on December 31, 2012 – over two years ago. Congress's continued failure to act on the MTB has contributed greatly to manufacturers' uncertainty and inability to plan for future investment and job creation, resulting in a \$748 million tax hike on manufacturers in the United States. Unless Congress acts quickly, costs will continue to mount for America's manufacturers, hurting their global competitiveness and undermining their ability to retain and create new jobs.

Thank you for your attention to and leadership on this important manufacturing issue.

Sincerely,

3V Inc.  
AGRUSA/Apple Food Sales Co.  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.  
Albaugh  
AMD Oil Sales  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Association of Exporters and Importers  
American Chemistry Council  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Woolen Company, Inc.  
Armstrong World Industries  
Association of Food Industries  
Avatar Corporation  
BASF Corporation  
Bayer Corporation  
Bayer CropScience  
Beaver Manufacturing Company Inc.  
Belkin International  
Boulder Scientific Company  
Buhler Quality Yarns Corporation  
Camerican - Josh Gellert  
Cellular Technology  
Charkit Chemical Corporation  
Chemtura Corporation  
Coats & Clark, Inc.  
Consolidated Fibers  
Corning Incorporated

CropLife America  
Deere & Company  
Dupont  
Eastman  
Element Electronics  
Entegris, Inc.  
ESCO Company  
Fanwood Chemical  
Firmenich  
FMC Corporation  
Fruit of the Loom, Inc.  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Glen Raven, Inc.  
Golden Beach  
Gowan Company  
Great Lakes Int'l Trading  
Hampford Research, Inc.  
Hitachi Automotive Systems America, Inc.  
Honeywell International  
ICF Mercantile LLC  
INDA, Association of Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
International Sleep Products Association  
Iofina Chemical Inc.  
JHB Intertrade  
LANXESS Corporation  
Lasko Products, Inc.  
LeapFrog Enterprises  
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Marzoli International, Inc.  
Milliken  
Nation Ford Chemical  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Council of Textile Organizations  
National Spinning Company, Inc.  
Nautilus, Inc.  
Novamont  
O'Mara Incorporated  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Palmetto Synthetics, LLC  
Pendleton Woolen Mills  
Pfizer, Inc.  
Picanol of America, Inc.  
PPG Industries  
SCHOTT North America, Inc.  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
Solvay  
Sovena USA

Special Materials Company  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
Sun Chemical  
Symrise Inc.  
Syngenta  
Tariff Action Coalition  
The Dow Chemical Company  
The Howard Miller Company  
The MTB Coalition  
Tosoh USA, Inc.  
Toy Industry Association, Inc.  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
W.L. Gore & Associates  
Warwick  
Whirlpool Corporation  
William Barnet & Son LLC  
Zamoyski and Company