

# United States Senate

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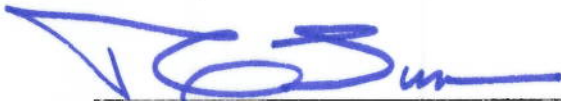
Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

We write to underscore the importance of including a transparent, objective process by which manufacturers and importers can receive duty suspensions on noncontroversial and noncompetitive materials in the final conference report of H.R. 644. Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) reform language was included in the Senate's version of this legislation, having received bipartisan support and the backing of over 185 companies who rely on such duty suspensions for the competitiveness of their businesses in a global market. To address concerns and provide a path forward on this important issue, a reformed MTB process should require that companies petition for duty relief directly to the International Trade Commission (ITC) and obviate the need for individual bills to be introduced by Members of Congress.

It is imperative and common sense that as Congress considers trade legislation, a process is put in place to ensure companies manufacturing goods not produced in the United States receive the benefits of the MTB. Since the 2010 MTB bill expired at the end of 2012, small, medium and large manufacturers in industries ranging from agriculture and electronics to textiles and chemicals and beyond have been paying tariffs on needed inputs and other products. The tariffs raise their costs and hurt their ability to retain and create manufacturing jobs in the United States.

We will consider the inclusion of such provisions when voting on the conference report.

Sincerely,



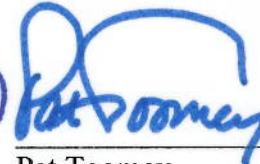
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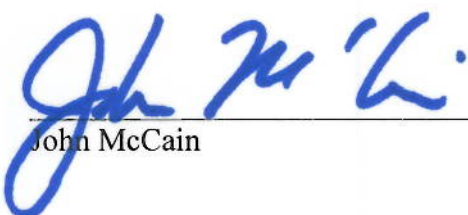
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