April 26, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Speaker Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader Republican Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

The undersigned companies and associations urge Congress to support manufacturers and other businesses in the United States and the millions of workers they employ by including a robust Miscellaneous Tariff Bill with full retroactivity in final legislation that combines the United States Innovation and Competition Act with the America COMPETES Act.

Since the previous Miscellaneous Tariff Bill expired on December 31, 2020, manufacturers and other businesses have paid more than $500 million in tariffs, or $1.3 million per day, on goods that are not available in the United States. These added, anti-competitive costs are stifling manufacturers and other businesses in the United States, especially small- and medium-sized companies, at a time when they are already working through a slew of challenges to produce and provide the essential goods that our country needs every day.

During negotiations to reconcile the United States Innovation and Competition Act and the America COMPETES Act, it is critical that conferees provide full retroactivity to allow manufacturers and other businesses to be reimbursed for tariffs paid on shipments of MTB products back to January 1, 2021.

The final version of the MTB should also reauthorize the American Manufacturing and Competitiveness Act for additional review cycles without broad and arbitrary restrictions that would be difficult to implement. The current AMCA process takes a targeted yet effective approach by requiring robust analysis by the U.S. International Trade Commission and other U.S. government agencies of each MTB petition, which ensures that included products are not produced or available domestically. Furthermore, the existing process allows for Congress to object to the inclusion of individual petitions in the final MTB.

Based on analyses by the National Association of Manufacturers, the enactment of the current MTB with full retroactivity would eliminate import tariffs of more than $1.5 billion over the 2021 to 2023 period, bolstering manufacturers and other businesses in the United States. This tariff relief would translate into U.S. economic growth: according to the U.S. International Trade Commission, tariff relief under the previous MTB boosted U.S. GDP annually by as much as $3.3 billion and output annually by as much as $6.3 billion.

Congress passed the MTB unanimously in 2018, and in June 2021 the Senate voted to include an amendment with the MTB and other trade provisions in the United States Innovation and Competition Act by a strong, bipartisan vote of 91 to 4.
Manufacturers and other businesses in the United States urge Congress to include a robust MTB with retroactivity back to January 1, 2021 in final legislation that combines the United States Innovation and Competition Act with the America COMPETES Act. Doing so will support jobs, manufacturing competitiveness and economic growth in the United States.

Sincerely,

Adams County Regional Economic Partnership
Aerospace Industries Association
African American Chamber of Commerce Foundation Western Pennsylvania
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
Albaugh, LLC
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters and Importers
American Automotive Policy Council
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association
American Forest & Paper Association
Ames Chamber
Arizona Bioindustry Association Inc.
Arizona Manufacturers Council
Arkema Inc.
ASO LLC
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Associated Industries of Missouri
Associated Industries of Vermont
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Food Industries
The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Aterian
Atlas Container Corporation
Auto Care Association
BASF Corporation
Bayer Corporation
Beck’s Classic Manufacturing Corporation
Betts Company
Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Inc.
Brunswick Corporation
Bushnell Holdings
Business Alliance for Customs Modernization
Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire
C.R. Onsrud Inc.
Caleres, Inc.
Can Manufacturers Institute
Capital Area Manufacturing Council
Cargill
Carter Products Company
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Celanese Corporation
Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Association
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Commando, LLC
Consumer Technology Association
Corn Refiners Association
Cosmetic Specialty Labs, Inc.
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York
Crest Electronics, Inc.
CropLife America
Daktronics, Inc.
Dental Trade Alliance
DI 2 Technologies
Domtar
Dow
DuPont
Eastman
Ecolab
Electronic Components Industry Association
Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.
Element Electronics
EMS-Chemie North America Inc.
Evonik Corporation
Express Association of America
Farmers Business Network
Firmenich Incorporated
Fitec International, Inc.
FMC Corporation
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America
FS-Elliott Co., LLC
Garmin International, Inc.
Gear Motions
Georg Fischer Central Plastics, LLC
Glen Raven, Inc.
Global Business Alliance
Goodwinds Composites LLC
Greater Latrobe Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
Green Bay Nonwovens, Inc
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
The Hershey Company
Hitachi, Ltd
Illinois Manufacturers’ Association
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Indium Corporation of America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Association of Plastics Distribution
International Bottled Water Association
International Wood Products Association
INX International Ink Co.
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Iowa Chamber Alliance
Johnson Controls
JPM Advanced Manufacturing
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
Kansas Chamber and the Kansas Manufacturing Council
Kent International Inc.
Komatsu America Corp.
L&L Products
LaCrosse Footwear, Inc.
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lanxess Corporation
Lasko Products, LLC
Legrand North & Central America
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.
MacLean-Fogg Co.
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Manufacturing Alliance of Philadelphia
Maxon Precision Motors, Inc.
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Miles Fiberglass & Composites Inc.
Milliken & Company
Mills Machine Company
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
MTB Coalition
Murray County Chamber of Commerce & Industrial Development
Nation Ford Chemical
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Confectioners Association
National Foreign Trade Council
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Retail Federation
National Waste & Recycling Association
Nautilus, Inc.
Nebraska Chamber
Next Generation Manufacturing
Nichino America
Nite Ize, Inc.
Nitro Quimica Corporation
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
North Carolina Chamber
Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers & Employers Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance
Oregon Business & Industry
The Oriental Rug Importers Association, Inc.
Out of the Box Manufacturing LLC
Outdoor Industry Association
Personal Care Products Council
Plastics Industry Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Portland Business Alliance
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Presperse Corporation
PRINTING United Alliance
Pure Fishing, Inc.
Quality Engineering Company
Retail Industry Leaders Association
RFP & Associates LLC
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.
ROCKY MOUNT CORD Co.
Safe Skies LLC
SC Chamber of Commerce
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
SEMI
Shurtape Technologies LLC
Simms Fishing Products
Snow Joe, LLC
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
Solvay America, Inc.
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Stalite
Star Cutter Company
The State Chamber of Oklahoma
The Sulphur Institute
Sumitomo Corporation of Americas
Syngenta
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Manufacturers
Tietex International Ltd
Townsend Leather
The Toy Association
Treated Wood Council
Turner Fiberfill Inc.
TWE Nonwovens US Inc.
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Council for International Business
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
United States Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association
Uniweld Products, Inc.
Utah Manufacturers Association
Vail Valley Partnership
Valley Forge & Bolt Mfg. Co.
Valley Industrial Association
Vinyl Institute
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Vista Outdoor
W.L. Gore & Associates
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wm. T. Burnett Holding LLC
Zeon Specialty Materials Inc.