

April 20, 2016

The United States Congress  
United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of Congress:

Our organizations commend the introduction of the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016” (H.R. 4923 and S. 2794), legislation that would establish a new miscellaneous tariff bill (MTB) process to eliminate unnecessary taxes on imported inputs and products not available domestically.

We have long supported bipartisan and bicameral efforts to pass MTBs to correct on a temporary basis distortions in the U.S. tariff code that place an unnecessary and anti-competitive tax on manufacturers, retailers and other businesses across the country that rely on imported products not available domestically.

While Congress had effectively addressed such distortions through the enactment of MTBs with strong bipartisan support for three decades, Congress has not renewed MTBs since the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act in 2010 expired at the end of 2012. Since then, businesses in the United States have faced an annual \$748 million tax increase on manufacturing and the U.S. economy has suffered a \$1.875 billion economic loss, according to an analysis by the National Association of Manufacturers.

As a result, manufacturers, especially small- and medium-sized manufacturers, in industries ranging from agriculture and electronics to textiles, chemicals and beyond, have seen their costs go up for inputs not produced in the United States, undermining American competitiveness and the ability of these companies to retain and create manufacturing jobs in the United States.

Action on a new MTB process is long overdue. To boost the competitiveness of our industries and correct longstanding distortions in the U.S. tariff code, we strongly urge Congress to work expeditiously and jointly to pass a new MTB process that will eliminate distortions in the U.S. tariff code that undermine the competitiveness and job growth of our industries.

Sincerely,

3V Inc.  
ABB Inc.  
Acuity Brands, Inc.  
Adidas  
Aerospace Industries Association

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.  
AirBorn, Inc.  
Albaugh, LLC  
ALOM Technologies Corporation  
Altec, Inc.  
Altrius Group, LLC  
AMD Oil Sales LLC  
American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc.  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Association of Exporters & Importers  
American Automotive Policy Council Inc.  
American Axle & Manufacturing  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Vanguard Corporation  
American Wire Producers Association  
American Woolen Company, Inc  
Amsyn Inc.  
AMT-The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Amway  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Arizona Manufacturers Council  
Arkema Inc.  
ASO, LLC  
Associated Industries of Florida  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)  
Association of Food Industries, Inc.  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
Ateco, Inc.  
Auto Care Association  
Automated Industrial Machinery, Inc  
Avatar Corporation  
BASF Corporation  
Bayer Corporation  
Bayer CropScience  
Belkin Inc.  
Biotechnology Innovation Organization  
Blue Planet Foods  
Brady Corporation  
Buhler Quality Yarns

Camerican International  
Carl Zeiss, Inc.  
Caterpillar Inc.  
Cellular Technology  
Charkit Chemical Corporation  
Chemtura Corporation  
Classic Dyestuffs, Inc.  
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade  
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association  
Columbia River Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association  
Consolidated Fibers Inc.  
Consumer Technology Association  
Council of Industry of SE NY  
CropLife America  
Cummins Inc.  
Customs Brokers & International Freight Forwarders of Washington State  
Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of Northern California  
Deere & Company  
Domtar Industries LLC  
Draper, Inc.  
DuPont  
Eastman Chemical Company  
Electronic Components Industry Association  
Eli Lilly and Company  
Emerson  
ESCO Co LP  
Evonik Corporation  
Exxel Outdoors, Inc.  
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Firmenich Inc.  
FMC Corporation  
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America  
Formula Boats  
Fruit of the Loom, Ltd.  
Gemini Shippers Association  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Glen Raven, Inc.  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Golden Beach Inc  
Go-Pro, Ltd.  
Gowan Milling LLC  
Gus Sclafani Corporation  
Harodite Industries, Inc.  
Hitachi Ltd.

Honeywell  
ICF Mercantile LLC  
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
Industrial Construction Services & Design, Inc.  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Ingersoll-Rand plc  
International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses  
International Dairy Foods Association  
International Sleep Products Association  
Interstate Batteries  
Iofina Chemical  
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association  
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association  
Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Kappler, Inc.  
Karsten Manufacturing Corporation  
Lanxess Corporation  
Lasko Products, Inc.  
LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc.  
Leviton Manufacturing Company, Inc.  
Liberty Pumps, Inc.  
Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association  
M.J. ROSENMAYER COMPANY  
Mallinckrodt, Inc.  
Manhasset Specialty Co., Inc.  
Manufacturing Tariff Bill (MTB) Coalition  
Marlin Steel Wire Products LLC  
Marmot Mountain LLC  
Mattel, Inc.  
Mercantum Int'l Corp.  
Merck & Co., Inc.  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
Metglas, Inc.  
Milliken & Company  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Modena Fine Foods, Inc.  
Monsanto  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Manufacturing Association  
Nation Ford Chemical Company  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Council of Textile Organizations  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National Foreign Trade Council

National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Spinning Co., Inc.  
Nautilus, Inc.  
Nichino America  
Nike, Inc.  
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association  
NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies  
Nufarm Limited  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association, Inc.  
Pafco Importing Co  
Pfizer Inc.  
PHT International, Inc.  
Players Music LLC  
Power Transmission Distributors Association  
PPG Industries  
Procter & Gamble  
Quality Colors, LLC  
Rema Foods Inc  
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)  
Ronco Machine Inc.  
Samuels International  
San Diego Customs Brokers Association  
SawStop, LLC  
Seaway Bolt & Specials Corporation  
SGL Carbon LLC  
SLT Foods Inc.  
Smiths Group Services Corporation  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates  
Solvay North America  
Sony Electronics Inc.  
Sovena USA  
Special Materials Company  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Sun Chemical Corporation  
Symrise  
Syngenta North America  
Tariff Action Coalition  
Tenneco Inc.  
Texas Association of Business  
The Dow Chemical Company  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
The Hemisphere Group, Inc.  
The Janel Group Inc  
The Ohio Manufacturers' Association

The State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Tigers USA Global Logistics  
Tosoh USA, Inc.  
Toy Industry Association  
Travel Goods Association (TGA)  
Tredegar Film Products  
Tyco International (US) Inc.  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United States Council for International Business  
United Technologies Corporation  
Universal Electric Corporation  
Uniweld Products, Inc.  
VF Corporation  
W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.  
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Xerox Corporation