

March 9, 2018

The United States Congress
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of Congress:

As associations and businesses of all sizes representing manufacturing and other major sectors of the U.S. economy employing millions of U.S. workers, we urge you to include the “Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018” (H.R. 4318 and S. 2108) in the upcoming omnibus spending package.

The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) plays an important role in the operations of domestic manufacturers as it corrects, on a temporary basis, historical distortions in the U.S. tariff code by eliminating border tariffs on imported products for which there is no or insufficient domestic production and availability. Such distortions undermine the competitiveness of manufacturers in the United States by imposing unnecessary costs and, in some cases, imposing a higher cost on manufacturers’ inputs than the competing foreign imported finished product.

While Congress had effectively addressed such distortions through the enactment of MTB legislation with strong bipartisan support for three decades, Congress has not passed an MTB since the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act in 2010 expired at the end of 2012. Since 2012, businesses have paid billions of dollars of tariffs on products not even made in the United States, to the detriment of good-paying American jobs and American competitiveness.

Congress now has the opportunity to address this self-imposed tax on U.S. competitiveness. Through a transparent and thorough process created by the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016, which passed Congress with near-unanimous bipartisan support, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) scrutinized thousands of petitions for duty-relief and received input from across the manufacturing sector and from the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to determine eligibility under the AMCA requirements. The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 includes nearly 1,700 petitions that the ITC reported to Congress in August were eligible for duty-relief as products not produced or available in the United States.

Our organizations commend the House of Representatives for its approval of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 on January 16 by a unanimous vote of 402-to-0. Manufacturers and other businesses across the country, however, have been paying nearly \$1 million per day in tariffs since the beginning of 2018 on products not made or available in the United States, because the full Congress has not yet approved the legislation.

Based on analyses by the National Association of Manufacturers, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 would eliminate import tariffs of more than \$1.1 billion over the next three years and increase U.S. manufacturing output by more than \$3.1 billion, bolstering manufacturers and other businesses in the United States of all sizes in industries ranging from chemicals, agriculture, textiles and footwear to electrical equipment, machinery and sporting equipment.

For nearly five years, manufacturers and other businesses have been held back by out-of-date and distortive import tariffs that are costing billions of dollars. We urge the full Congress to act to eliminate these distortions and improve U.S. competitiveness by including the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 in the upcoming omnibus spending package.

Sincerely,

3M Company	Birla Cellulose/Multifiberes and Yarns (USA) Inc.
3V Sigma USA Inc.	Bridgestone Americas Inc.
A. O. Smith Corporation	BRK Brands Inc.
AAM (American Axle & Manufacturing)	Broan-NuTone LLC
Acme Food Sales Inc.	Brunswick Corporation
Aerospace Industries Association	Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.
Air Products and Chemicals Inc.	Bulman Products Inc.
Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute	C.H. Robinson
Alaska Chamber	Calphalon Corporation
Albaugh, LLC	Camerican International Inc.
ALOM	Cargill Incorporated
American Apparel & Footwear Association	Carter Products Co. Inc.
American Association of Exporters and Importers	Caterpillar Inc.
American Automotive Policy Council	Celanese Corporation
American Chemistry Council	Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
American Coatings Association	Consolidated Fibers
American Composites Manufacturers Association	Consumer Technology Association
American Farm Bureau Federation	Couristan
American Seed Trade Association	Covercraft
American Supply Association	Covestro LLC
American Wire Producers Association	CropLife America
AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology	Cummins Inc.
Ann Inc.	Daimler North America Corp.
Applied Materials Inc.	Deere & Company
Archroma U.S. Inc.	Delaware Manufacturing Association/Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Manufacturers Council	DENSO International America Inc.
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce	Draper Inc.
Arkema Inc.	Eastman
ASO LLC	Eaton
Associated Industries of Arkansas	Ebisons Harounian Imports
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)	Edw. C. Levy Co.
Association of Food Industries	Electrolux Home Products Inc.
ATMOS360 Inc.	Element Electronics
Auto Care Association	EMS-CHEMIE (North America) Inc.
Automated Industrial Machinery Inc.	Evonik Corporation
BASF Corporation	Expert Remedies
Bayer	Exxel Outdoors LLC
	Fanwood Chemical, Inc.
	Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)

Feizy Import & Export Co. Ltd.
 FMC Corporation
 Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America
 (FDRA)
 Formula Boats
 Gap Inc.
 GeekNet Inc.
 Gemini Shippers Association
 Glen Raven Inc.
 Global Cold Chain Alliance
 GOLD PLUM USA International
 Golden Beach Inc.
 Gowan Company LLC
 Great Lakes International Trading Inc.
 Hi-Lex Controls
 Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas Inc.
 Honda North America Inc.
 Honeywell
 Howard Miller Company
 HydroHoist
 INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics
 Industry
 Indiana Manufacturers Association
 Intel Corporation
 International Housewares Association
 International Sleep Products Association
 Iowa Association of Business and Industry
 ITAC Engineers & Constructors
 J. C. Steele & Sons Inc.
 Kalaty Rug Corporation Kaleen Rugs Inc.
 Karsten Manufacturing Corporation
 L R Resources Inc.
 LANXESS Corporation
 Lasko Products LLC
 Leading Lady
 Leggett & Platt Incorporated
 Leviton Manufacturing Co. Inc.
 Loloi Rugs
 LORD Corporation
 M.J. Rosenmayer Co.
 Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
 Mandia Int'l Trading Corp
 Manufacturing Tariff Bill (MTB) Coalition
 Manufacturing-Works
 Marlin Steel Wire Products
 Mason Companies Inc.
 Mattel Inc.
 McAfee Tool and Die Inc.
 McCrary International LLC
 Metal Powder Industries Federation
 Metal Treating Institute
 MGK
 Michigan Manufacturers Association
 MILLIKEN
 Milwaukee Electronics Corp.
 Mississippi Manufacturers Association
 Modine Manufacturing Company
 Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corp.
 Momeni Inc.
 Mueller Sports Medicine Inc.
 NAHAD - The Association for Hose &
 Accessories Distribution
 Nation Ford Chemical
 National Association of Chemical Distributors
 National Association of Manufacturers
 National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
 National Council of Textile Organizations
 (NCTO)
 National Electrical Manufacturers Association
 (NEMA)
 National Retail Federation
 National Spinning Company Inc.
 Nautilus Inc.
 Neenah Enterprises Inc.
 Neff Motivation, Inc.
 NetMark International
 New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC)
 Nichino America Inc.
 Nitro Quimica Corporation
 North American Association of Food Equipment
 Manufacturers (NAFEM)
 Nourison Industries
 Novamont
 NUK USA LLC
 Ohio Manufacturers' Association
 Oregon Business & Industry Association
 Orleans Packing Company
 Outdoor Industry Association
 Paulson Mfg
 Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
 Perry Ellis International
 Pfizer Inc.
 Plastic Molding Technology Inc.
 Plastics Industry Association
 Plumbing Manufacturers International
 PPG
 Presperse Corporation
 Procter & Gamble
 Pure Fishing, Inc.
 Quickie Manufacturing Corp.
 Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc.
 Rayonier Advanced Materials
 Rema Foods Inc.
 Reshoring Institute

Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Rexair, LLC
Rubbermaid Commercial Products, LLC
Rubbermaid, Inc.
Samad Brothers Inc.
Sears Holdings Corporation
Security Industry Association
Shakespeare Company, LLC
Siemens
Simms Fishing Products
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
Solvay
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Sunbeam Products Inc.
Surya Carpet Inc
Syngenta
Techmer PM LLC
Texas Association of Manufacturers
The Adhesive and Sealant Council
The Aluminum Association
The Coleman Company, Inc.
The Dow Chemical Company
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
The Oriental Rug Importers Association Inc.
The Sherwin-Williams Company
The Wonderful Company
Thermcraft Inc
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
U.S. BRIDGE
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Umicore USA Inc.
Unex Manufacturing
VF Corporation
Vionic Group LLC
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Vista Outdoor
W. L. Gore and Associates
Whirlpool Corporation
Zeon Specialty Materials Inc.
Ziba Nut Inc.