

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