

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