

December 6, 2017

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you to expedite passage of the “Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2017” (H.R. 4318 and S. 2108) to temporarily eliminate out-of-date and distortive taxes on imported products not manufactured or available domestically.

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 (AMCA), 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 2017 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 strongly support passage of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2017, which would bolster manufacturers and other businesses in the United States, especially small- and medium-sized manufacturers, in industries ranging from chemicals, agriculture, textiles and footwear to electrical equipment, machinery and sporting equipment. Based on analyses by the National Association of Manufacturers, this legislation would eliminate import tariffs of more than \$1.1 billion over the next three years and boost U.S. manufacturing output by more than \$3.1 billion.

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 Congress to act now to eliminate these distortions and improve U.S. competitiveness by moving quickly to pass the comprehensive Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2017.

Sincerely,

3M Company	L R Resources Inc.
A. O. Smith Corporation	LANXESS Corporation
AAM (American Axle & Manufacturing)	Lasko Products LLC
Acme Food Sales Inc.	Leading Lady
Aerospace Industries Association	Leggett & Platt Incorporated
Air Products and Chemicals Inc.	Leviton Manufacturing Co. Inc.
Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute	Loloi Rugs
Alaska Chamber	LORD Corporation
Albaugh, LLC	M.J. Rosenmayer Co.
ALOM	Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
American Apparel & Footwear Association	Mandia Int'l Trading Corp
American Automotive Policy Council	Manufacturing Tariff Bill (MTB) Coalition
American Chemistry Council	Manufacturing-Works
American Coatings Association	Marlin Steel Wire Products
American Composites Manufacturers Association	Mason Companies Inc.
American Farm Bureau Federation	Mattel Inc.
American Seed Trade Association	McAfee Tool and Die Inc.
American Supply Association	McCrary International LLC
American Wire Producers Association	Metal Powder Industries Federation
AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology	Metal Treating Institute
Ann Inc.	MGK
Applied Materials Inc.	Michigan Manufacturers Association
Arizona Manufacturers Council	MILLIKEN
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce	Milwaukee Electronics Corp.
Arkema Inc.	Mississippi Manufacturers Association
ASO LLC	Modine Manufacturing Company
Associated Industries of Arkansas	Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corp.
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)	Momeni Inc.
Association of Food Industries	Mueller Sports Medicine Inc.
ATMOS360 Inc.	NAHAD - The Association for Hose & Accessories Distribution
Automated Industrial Machinery Inc.	Nation Ford Chemical
BASF Corporation	National Association of Chemical Distributors
Bayer	National Association of Manufacturers
Bridgestone Americas Inc.	National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
Broan-NuTone LLC	National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
Brunswick Corporation	National Retail Federation
Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.	National Spinning Company Inc.
Bulman Products Inc.	Nautilus Inc.
C.H. Robinson	Neenah Enterprises Inc.
Camerican International Inc.	NetMark International
Cargill Incorporated	

Carter Products Co. Inc.
 Caterpillar Inc.
 Celanese Corporation
 Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
 Consumer Technology Association
 Couristan
 Covercraft
 Covestro LLC
 CropLife America
 Cummins Inc.
 Daimler North America Corp.
 Deere & Company
 Delaware Manufacturing Association/Delaware
 State Chamber of Commerce
 DENSO International America Inc.
 Draper Inc.
 Eastman
 Eaton
 Ebisons Harounian Imports
 Edw. C. Levy Co.
 Electrolux Home Products Inc.
 Element Electronics
 EMS-CHEMIE (North America) Inc.
 Evonik Corporation
 Expert Remedies
 Exxel Outdoors LLC
 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
 New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC)
 Nichino America Inc.
 Nitro Quimica Corporation
 North American Association of Food
 Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
 Nourison Industries
 Novamont
 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
 Rayonier Advanced Materials
 Rema Foods Inc.
 Reshoring Institute
 Resilient Floor Covering Institute
 Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
 Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
 Samad Brothers Inc.
 Sears Holdings Corporation
 Security Industry Association
 Simms Fishing Products
 Society of Chemical Manufacturers and
 Affiliates
 Solvay
 South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
 Surya Carpet Inc
 Syngenta
 Techmer PM LLC
 Texas Association of Manufacturers
 The Adhesive and Sealant Council
 The Aluminum Association
 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.

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

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.