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
3V Sigma USA Inc.
A. O. Smith Corporation
AAM (American Axle & Manufacturing)
Acme Food Sales Inc.
Aerospace Industries Association
Air Products and Chemicals Inc.
Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute
Alaska Chamber
Albaugh, LLC
ALOM
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters and Importers
American Automotive Policy Council
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Seed Trade Association
American Supply Association
American Wire Producers Association
AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology
Ann Inc.
Applied Materials Inc.
Archroma U.S. Inc.
Arizona Manufacturers Council
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
Arkema Inc.
ASO LLC
Associated Industries of Arkansas
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
Association of Food Industries
ATMOS360 Inc.
Auto Care Association
Automated Industrial Machinery Inc.
BASF Corporation
Bayer
Birla Cellulose/Multifibres and Yarns (USA) Inc.
Bridgestone Americas Inc.
BRK Brands Inc.
Broan-NuTone LLC
Brunswick Corporation
Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.
Bulman Products Inc.
C.H. Robinson
Calphalon Corporation
Camerica International Inc.
Cargill Incorporated
Caterpillar Inc.
Celanese Corporation
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
Consolidated Fibers
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
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.
Momemni 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.