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you to expedite passage of the "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2017" (H.R. 4318 and S. 2108) to temporarily eliminate out-of-date and distortive taxes on imported products not manufactured or available domestically.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
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 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.
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.
Automated Industrial Machinery Inc.
BASF Corporation
Bayer
Bridgestone Americas Inc.
Broan-NuTone LLC
Brunswick Corporation
Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.
Bulman Products Inc.
C.H. Robinson
Camerican International Inc.
Cargill Incorporated

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 Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Retail Federation
National Spinning Company Inc.
Nautilus Inc.
Neenah Enterprises Inc.
NetMark International
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
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