

September 04, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

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 2018” (H.R. 4318) to grow manufacturing and broader opportunities in the United States.

Americans pay both directly or indirectly hundreds of millions of dollars each year in government-imposed import taxes on products not made or available in the United States, including items ranging from mustard seed oil, pepperoncini and bee nets to certain chemical inputs and tire molds. This is a relic of our country’s outdated tariff code and one that Congress is uniquely able to correct through passage of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), which temporarily eliminates and reduces border taxes on a set of products that have been found through a transparent and rigorous process not to be produced at all or in sufficient capacity in the United States.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed an MTB bill in January by a unanimous vote of 402-to-0. The Senate, after making minor adjustments, passed it unanimously as well on July 26. We now call on the House to repeat its overwhelming support for MTB legislation, as demonstrated just a few months ago, by passing the Senate-approved version of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 without delay.

An analysis by the National Association of Manufacturers found that this legislation, if approved in September, would eliminate import tariffs of nearly \$1 million per day through 2020, amounting total savings of nearly \$800 million and an increase of U.S. manufacturing output by \$2.3 billion. That would help existing manufacturing operations throughout the United States by lowering unnecessary costs and helping to support and grow well-paying manufacturing jobs here in the United States. The MTB would bolster businesses of all sizes across the United States, supporting jobs and growth in industries ranging from chemicals, agriculture, textiles and footwear to electrical equipment, machinery and sporting equipment.

The list of eligible products in this legislation was put together through a transparent, objective, predictable and regularized process spearheaded by the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC). During this nearly nine-month process, more than 2,500 petitions to eliminate or reduce import taxes were reviewed by the USITC, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Customs and Bureau Protection and other agencies to determine if there were objections from domestic manufacturers. More than 800 petitions were excluded, including for reasons of domestic availability, from a final package of eligible products sent by the USITC to Congress. The House and Senate then reviewed the package and removed additional products due to objections by individual Members.

Failure to act on this legislation would not only hurt manufacturers and other businesses, but also manufacturing jobs and our economy more broadly. We urge the House of Representatives to act without delay by approving the Senate-passed version of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018 as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

AccuTec Blades, Inc
Aerospace Industries Association
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
Albaugh, LLC
All-Ways Forwarding International, Inc.
ALOM
Altrius Group, LLC
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters and Importers
American Automotive Policy Council
American Axle & Manufacturing
American Chemistry Council
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Wire Producers Association
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Ann Inc.
Arizona Manufacturers Council
Arkema Inc.
ASO, LLC
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
Association of Food Industries
ATMOS360, Inc
Auto Care Association
Automated Industrial Machinery, Inc.
Barco Inc
BASF Corporation
Bayer
Berry Global, Inc.
Bethune Nonwovens, Inc.
Blue Planet Foods, Ltd.
Broan-NuTone LLC
Brunswick Corporation, Life Fitness Division
Buhler Quality Yarns, Corp.
C.H. Robinson
Cargill
Carter Products Co. , Inc.
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
Consumer Technology Association
Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont
Covestro LLC
CropLife America
Cummins Inc.
Deere & Company

DENSO International America
Draper, Inc
Eastman
Eaton
Edw. C. Levy Co.
Electrolux Home Products, Inc
EMS-CHEMIE (North America) Inc.
Evonik Corporation
Exxel Outdoors
Fanwood Chemical, Inc.
Feizy Import & Export Co., Ltd.
FMC Corporation
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)
Formula Boats
Glen Raven, Inc
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Gold Plum USA Int'l
Gowan Company LLC
Great Lakes international Trading, Inc.
Green Bay Nonwovens, Inc.
Gus Sclafani Corp
Hi-Lex Controls
Hillenbrand
Hitachi Automotive Systems, Americas, Inc
Hitachi, Ltd
Honda North America, Inc.
Honeywell
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
JBH Intertrade LLC
Johnson Controls
Kayan Limited, Corp.
LANXESS
Lasko Products, LLC
Leggett & Platt, Incorporated
Lenzing Fibers Incorporated
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Loloi Inc
Mandia Int'l Trading Corp
Manufacturing Tariff Bill (MTB) Coalition
McLane Global
MD Building Products
Meat Import Council of America, Inc.
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Milliken
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Mogul South Carolina Nonwovens Corp
Multifibres and Yarns(USA) Inc.
Nation Ford Chemical
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Cortina
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Foreign Trade Council
National Retail Federation
National Wiper Alliance, Inc.
Neenah Enterprises, Inc
New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC)
Newell Brands Inc.
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Meat Institute
Novamont North America
Orleans Packing Comp
Orvis Company
Outdoor Industry Association
Paulson Mfg
Plastic Molding Technology Inc.
Plastics Industry Association
PPG
Precision Textiles LLC
Presperse Corporation
Procter & Gamble
Rema Foods, Inc
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Sahadi Fine Foods
Salewa North America
Sampco, LLC
Schreiber Foods International, Inc.
Security Industry Association
Shelf-Stable Food Processors Association
Simms Fishing Products
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
Solvay America, Inc.
Syngenta
Texas Association of Manufacturers
The Burton Corporation
The Dow Chemical Company
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
The Hemisphere Group, Inc.
The Oriental Rug Importers Association, Inc
Thermcraft Inc
Tietex International Ltd
Travel Goods Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association
Umicore USA Inc
Unex Manufacturing
United Safety Agents, LLC
Virginia Manufacturers Association

W.L. Gore & Associates
Whirlpool Corporation
Windsor Locks Nonwovens, Inc.
3M
3V Sigma USA Inc.