

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF
SYMBOL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
TO THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4176
CONTAINED IN THE "MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF" BILL**

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Symbol Technologies, Inc. ("Symbol"), the largest domestic manufacturer of laser scanners and scanner-integrated mobile computers, opposes H.R. 4176. The bill in question is under consideration as part of the miscellaneous tariff package and if signed into law would suspend temporarily the duty on scanners not combined with a clock. Symbol is headquartered in Holtsville, New York and operates manufacturing and research facilities in New York, California, and Texas that employ more than 3,000 individuals. Some 10 million Symbol bar code scanners, mobile computers and wireless LANs are utilized worldwide today in markets ranging from retailing to transportation and distribution logistics, manufacturing, parcel and postal delivery, government, healthcare and education. Symbol's systems and products are used to increase productivity from the factory floor to the retail store, to the enterprise and out to the home, and are used by retailers such as The Gap and Wal-Mart.

As a major domestic producer of laser scanners, Symbol is opposed to any actions that would reduce the statutorily established duties assessed on imported scanners and that would strengthen the position of Symbol's foreign competitors in the United States market. The duties currently assessed on imported scanners are assessed pursuant to tariff bindings to which the United States has committed itself. The United States Congress should not take any actions to reduce unilaterally those duties and, by so doing, diminish the competitive position of a major domestic manufacturer of laser scanners and scanner integrated mobile computers.

While it is unclear to Symbol the precise nature of the scanners within the scope of H.R. 4176, it appears the scanners subject to the legislation are similar to or competitive with products manufactured by Symbol. As such, Symbol opposes H.R. 4176 and urges the Committee to reject H.R. 4176 in its entirety.

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