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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Ways and Means Committee Office
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Camp:

I am writing in support of the duty suspension bill for ski poles and accessories thereof (H.R. 5104), and to encourage Congress to move forward with a miscellaneous tariff bill.

Alpina Sports is a leading manufacturer and distributor of alpine and cross country ski equipment including ski poles and provides 20+ jobs in the United States. My company is a member of SnowSports Industries America (SIA), which represents the interests of the winter sports industry. We are grateful that the House Ways and Means Committee has provided us the opportunity to submit comments on H.R. 5104. Because there is no U.S. production of the ski poles and accessories covered by the bill, no domestic opposition to the bill is expected or warranted.

It is important to me and my company that Congress passes a miscellaneous tariff bill that includes a duty suspension for ski poles and accessories. Please free to contact me or David Ingemie, President, SIA (703-506-4225), if you have any questions or concerns.

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