

Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my objection to
MTB HR 5632.

My name is Michael Korchmar I am the
3rd generation owner and operator of
my families 95-year-old manufacturing
company, The Leather Specialty
Company, and also serve on ITAC
13. We still own and operate factories
that produce custom bags and travel
goods made from textile, vinyl, plastic
and leather materials in the USA and in
The Dominican Republic. We employ
over 300 people and, based off of the
description provided, feel we are not

only capable of manufacturing the backpack listed in this bill, but have eminent plans to produce similar items. We have the capacity to produce the backpack for which temporary duty free status is being requested. We believe we could produce domestically in our Naples, Florida plant or in our DR facility. (Items produced in our DR facility would already be eligible for duty free status under DR-CAFTA)

I can assure you that maintaining a US and Western Hemisphere manufacturing presence and the jobs so related has been extremely difficult over the last few decades and the last thing we domestic manufacturers need is our Government providing duty free status on products we can produce. If companies are claiming that the products cannot be purchased domestically they are either

simply not looking very hard or are unwilling to pay to have these items made outside of Asia.

Passing HR 5632 could adversely impact my company and our employees and we would ask that you communicate our objections.

Many thanks in advance for any help you can lend.

Sincerely,

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