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The Honorable Dave Camp, Chairman
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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RE: Release of opposition to HR 5497

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

Milliken & Company is a highly diversified manufacturer of apparel and industrial fabric, floorcoverings and chemicals -- headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

I write to withdraw our opposition to HR 5497, originally described as "Warp knit open-work fabrics provided for in subheading 6005.31.00" provided that the appropriate subheading contain the agreed upon language.

HR 5497 should be described as: **Open-work warp knit fabrics (including those made on galloon knitting machines), other than those of headings 6001 to 6004, of synthetic fibers, unbleached or bleached, whose structure has bridging yarn structures in the fabric, for which origin and end of each individual bridging yarn are located on different chain yarns oriented in machine direction of the fabric.**

Milliken's Industrial Division manufacturers warp knits for hundreds of applications, including roofing materials, tarps, flexible ductwork and other reinforcements. However, with this more specified description, it is unlikely that duty-free imports categorized in HR 5497 will undermine our industrial business.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment again on HR 5497.

Sincerely,



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Manager, Government Relations

