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The Honorable Sander Levin
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The Honorable Kevin Brady
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The Honorable Jim McDermott
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Dear Members of Congress:

It is our understanding that both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means will soon consider a Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) legislation that will extend duty suspensions on products, including certain chemical products. The American Chemistry Council, which represents a broad spectrum of chemical companies in the U.S.,¹ strongly encourages the passage of MTB legislation at the earliest opportunity.

The expiration of existing duty suspensions is vital for increasing the competitiveness of our member companies. Furthermore, since over 96% of all manufactured goods are touched by the business of chemistry, a reinstatement of duty suspensions would help boost the competitiveness of the U.S. manufacturing sector more broadly.

¹ The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$720 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is one of the nation's largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.



The passage of a tariff suspension legislation is important for several reasons. First and foremost these suspensions help protect American jobs in the chemical industry by lowering unnecessary cost on components incorporated into final U.S. products. The majority of the suspended duties affect material inputs which are intra-company transfers from globally connected supply chains. For U.S. business of chemistry, these suspensions provide critical assistance in allowing American-made final products to be more globally competitive and support the maintenance of manufacturing plants and jobs in the United States.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cal Dooley

cc: Member of Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade