



June 20, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Trade  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Camp and Chairman Brady:

On behalf of Arkema Inc., I write in strong support of tariff and duty suspension legislation that is currently being reviewed and considered in the House and Senate, and we urge its quick passage. This legislation will be vital to Arkema and manufacturers, customers, end-users and other downstream beneficiaries across the country. We greatly appreciate your leadership in undertaking this legislative process and for your strong support of U.S. manufacturing.

Arkema Inc. is a world-class producer of chemicals for the industrial market. We have facilities in thirty communities in seventeen states, with our U.S. headquarters in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The work by Arkema's 2,500 employees in North America accounts for nearly one-third of the company's world-wide sales of \$9 billion.

Temporary duty suspensions help support jobs up and down the value chain in a variety of U.S.-based manufacturers and businesses engaged in producing, processing and selling a range of important products and materials in many different industrial and consumer markets. It is estimated that the overall duty suspension legislation will support 90,000 American jobs, and thus its passage is critical to the economy. The cost-savings from temporary duty suspensions allow companies like Arkema to maintain competitiveness, invest in new facilities and preserve our manufacturing base.

Arkema's products are used in a wide variety of markets and applications every day, and our facilities are proud parts of the communities they call home. This legislation will help strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers, and we thank you for your leadership on this important economic and jobs issue.

Sincerely,

Bernard Roche  
President & CEO