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The Honorable Dave Camp
United States House of Representatives
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: HR 5206

Dear Chairman Camp:

I am writing to express BGF Industries' opposition to HR 5206 now under consideration in the House. This is one of three of bills granting temporary duty-free status to imported window shade materials. Should this bill become law, it would negatively impact the Fiberglass Window Shade markets BGF has serviced for more than 50 years and further jeopardize the already besieged textile manufacturing base in the United States.

BGF Industries is a textile manufacturer headquartered in Greensboro, NC. We have four manufacturing facilities, one in Cheraw, SC, two in Altavista, VA, and one in South Hill, VA, with approximately 800 employees company-wide. We purchase raw materials in the United States to produce woven fiberglass fabrics for customers who make window shades. Over the past decade, we have been under siege from a steady influx of imports in the window shade and other markets we serve, which has eroded our market share and created an unfair competitive advantage to foreign imports. Granting tariff-free status for these imports would further penalize our business.

Therefore, I am respectfully submitting BGF Industries' strong opposition to HR 5206 and request that this bill be withdrawn from consideration in any MTB package.

Sincerely,

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