

***Chairman Camp, Ranking Member Levin, Chairman Brady, and  
Ranking Member McDermott Kick Off Pro-Growth, Pro-Job  
Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) Process***

Dear Colleague,

We write to you today to announce the commencement of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress Ways and Means Committee Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process and invite Members to introduce temporary miscellaneous tariff bills by Monday, April 30, 2012, for consideration for inclusion in the MTB legislation.

The MTB offers broad benefits across our economy, including making American manufacturing more competitive. This historically noncontroversial bill supports U.S. manufacturing by reducing import duties on manufacturing inputs not available in the United States, lowering production costs, making final products more competitive, and supporting U.S. jobs. In the case of finished goods, suspensions similarly reduce costs for consumers for goods not produced in the United States, thus not impacting domestic firms.

For over thirty years, the MTB has enjoyed bipartisan, bicameral support. The benefits of the bill are broadly available and promote job-creation. We have developed on a bipartisan basis an unprecedented model of transparency, with full vetting by the public, the independent International Trade Commission and the Executive Branch. Moreover, the MTB process is in accordance with Ways and Means Committee guidelines and House Rules.

To be included in the MTB, a duty suspension or reduction generally must (1) be non-controversial, (2) cost under \$500,000 per year, and (3) be administrable. Further details regarding specific parameters for bills to be included in the MTB can be found in the attached Committee guidance.

We encourage your participation in this job-creating legislation. For questions, please contact Neena Shenai on the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee staff at 202-225-6649 or Jason Kearns on the Minority trade staff at 202-225-4021.

Sincerely,

Dave Camp	Sander Levin	Kevin Brady	Jim McDermott
Chairman	Ranking Member	Chairman, Trade Subcommittee	Ranking Member, Trade Subcommittee