

## Miscellaneous Tariff Bill

### Final Disclosure Form

#### Part I: Type of Disclosure

This form is being submitted for H.R. 4380 as a disclosure submitted reflecting information provided through the MTB public comment period and the International Trade Commission's Congressional Bill Report. (All of this information is available on the Ways and Means Committee MTB website: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/mtb/mtbbills.htm>.)

#### Part II: Written Statement

Member Name: Todd C. Young

- A.  Is the tariff relief specified in this Miscellaneous Tariff Bill available to any entity that imports and pays duties pursuant to this tariff heading? If not, why?

Yes

Please list any known entities currently importing under the tariff heading specified in the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill, including those listed in the Preliminary Disclosure Form, ITC Congressional Bill Report, and any public comments received by the Committee (posted on the Ways and Means Committee MTB website: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/mtb/mtbbills.htm>):

Kyle Massey, Mirwec Film, Inc

- B.  Does the tariff relief specified in this Miscellaneous Tariff Bill benefit downstream producers, manufacturers, purchasers, and consumers?



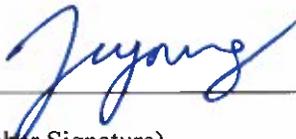
Yes



No

#### Part III: Financial Benefit Certification

I hereby certify that neither myself nor my spouse has a financial interest in any entity named in Part II.A above.



(Member Signature)

11/27/2012

Date

# MIRWEC FILM INC.



May 25, 2012

To the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing in support of H.R. 4380, "To suspend temporarily the duty on capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin in primary form."

Mirwec Film, Inc., is a manufacturer of biaxially oriented polypropylene film for use in the high voltage capacitors for power transmission and distribution equipment. Our plant is located in Bloomington, Indiana.

We use capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin as our only raw material. In order to supply our product to capacitor manufacturers, we require this special ultra low ash content resin to meet our customers' specifications. Currently, there is no source of this material made in the USA. Therefore, we must import the material.

Our competitors have resin suppliers much closer to their facilities. Their suppliers are either within their own country, or they get their resin within duty free zones such as the EU, to supply their raw material needs. Our competitors do not face import duty on their raw material. This puts us at a competitive disadvantage.

The competitive pressures from those areas, as well as from low cost films from China, are negatively impacting our business. We have seen a significant decrease in our market share in the U.S. due to these forces.

So I ask you to suspend the 6.5% duty on this material. It would be a significant help to us in our business. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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# MIRWEC FILM INC.



June 21, 2012

To the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing in support of H.R. 4380, "To suspend temporarily the duty on capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin in primary form."

Mirwec Film, Inc. is a manufacturer of biaxially oriented polypropylene film for use in the high voltage capacitors for power transmission and distribution equipment. Our plant is located in Bloomington, Indiana where we employ 32 people in office and manufacturing functions. To date in 2012, more than 90% of our products are sold to capacitor manufacturers within the USA.

During the vetting process for MTB's, it has come to our attention that a resin manufacturer has lodged an objection against our request to suspend the duty on capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin. After discussing this with the USITC, we took the initiative to contact the objector in an attempt to find common ground and a way both parties could be satisfied.

In this conversation, we discovered that this objector does not produce capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin either within the US or abroad. They do not make a material compatible with our process or with our customers' specifications. Their objection is based on competition of their different materials and blends with polypropylene in general. And it is based on potential competition of capacitors made with film made from one of their resins with capacitors made with film made from polypropylene. It should be noted that their website does not currently list this application.

In an effort to bridge this gap we have asked for assistance from them in more narrowly defining the text of H.R. 4380 to allow for Mirwec to import our raw material duty free in keeping with the spirit of the MTB process without impacting the plans or potential business of the objector. However, they have cited an inability to share such information due to confidentiality agreements and proprietary information. So while we would support compromise in a path forward, this direction is murky at best due to lack of information provided to us.

The current language of H.R. 4380 was vetted by the Commerce Department, USITC and US Customs during the previous MTB process. It was included in the House passed version of H.R. 6517 in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. The language restricts the duty suspension to a very specific grade of polypropylene for a very specific purpose.

By customer specification and process restrictions, we can only use capacitor grade homopolymer polypropylene resin as our raw material. We require this special ultra low ash content resin to conduct our business. As previously stated, there is no source of this material made in the USA. Therefore, we must import the material.

So again, I ask you to suspend the 6.5% duty on this material. The benefit to both us and our customers will support many American workers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kyle Massey".

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