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

Dear Chairman Camp:

On behalf of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI), I am writing in support of H.R. 5594, 5595, 5612, 5613, and 5614. These bills are intended to suspend tariffs on certain hollow fibers, plastic sheets, plastic mesh and plastic fittings. We ask that you include these non-controversial provisions in a miscellaneous tariff bill.

SEMI represents over 500 U.S. companies in the $100 billion worldwide semiconductor equipment and materials industries. These industries supply the enabling technologies, including raw materials and advanced tools, to produce every semiconductor-based product.

The above-referenced bills were introduced by Rep. Keith Ellison and are intended to suspend duties on imported components for items manufactured in the United States by Entegris, Inc., a SEMI member company. These components are crucial to the production of equipment used to manufacture many semiconductor products.

SEMI supports trade promotion measures and the elimination of tariffs on items involved in the manufacture of semiconductors. This is aligned with the Information Technology Agreement of 1996 ("ITA") that eliminated customs duties on semiconductor manufacturing equipment as a way to promote the global trade of these products.

SEMI supports passage of H.R. 5594, 5595, 5612, 5613, and 5614 as consistent with the interests of our industry. Please contact Jamie Girard, senior director, public policy at 202-289-0440 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Savala
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