



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.

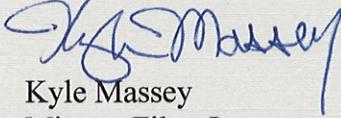
In an effort to bridge this gap we have asked for assistance from them in more narrowly defining the text of H.R. 4380 to allow for Mirwec to import our raw material duty free in keeping with the spirit of the MTB process without impacting the plans or potential business of the objector. However, they 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kyle" and last name "Massey" clearly distinguishable.

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