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The Honorable Dave Camp  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander M. Levin  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5036

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of our client, McMurray Fabrics, Inc. (McMurray), we are opposing the temporary suspension of duty on certain knitted or crocheted fabrics containing elastomeric yarn proposed by H.R. 5036 as originally introduced.

McMurray is a manufacturer of textile and apparel products headquartered in Aberdeen, North Carolina. It manufactures, dyes and finishes warp knit and circular knit fabrics, including fabrics containing elastomeric yarns, at four production facilities located in Aberdeen, Pinebluff and Lincolnton, North Carolina, where it provides jobs for approximately 250 employees.

H.R. 5036, as originally drafted, would temporarily suspend duty on “[k]nitted or crocheted fabrics of a width exceeding 30 cm, containing by weight 5 percent or more of elastomeric yarn but not containing rubber thread (provided for in subheading 6004.10.00).” The suspension of duty on all knit fabrics exceeding 30 centimeters in width and containing 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn would be competitively harmful to McMurray’s business.

McMurray understands that the sponsor of H.R. 5036 may be considering a proposed change so that the bill would only suspend duty on “warp knitted or circular knitted fabrics, other than open-work figured fabrics, of nylon or polyester of a width exceeding 139 cm, containing by weight between 5 per cent and 24 per cent elastomeric yarn but not containing rubber thread, weighing not more than 230 g/m<sup>2</sup>, printed, having one or two way stretch (provided for in subheading 6004.10.00).”

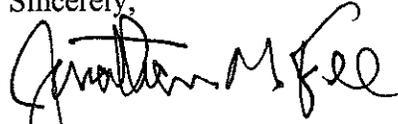
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Significantly, the proposed change would limit the duty suspension to cover only fabrics that were printed fabrics in their condition as imported. McMurray would not object to the bill with this change.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Fee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Jonathan M. Fee