



Cong. Dave Camp, Chairman, and Cong. Sander Levin, Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

September 20, 2012

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

I am writing on behalf of Bose Corporation in support of H.R. 2626, a bill introduced by Reps. Markey, McGovern, and Neal to provide a temporary suspension of duty on certain high-performance loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures. An identical bill, S. 2804, has been introduced by Sen. Kerry in the Senate.

We believe Section IV of the International Trade Commission (ITC) report on H.R. 2626 [[http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/documents/bill\\_reports/112c/hr2626.pdf](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/documents/bill_reports/112c/hr2626.pdf)] incorrectly attributes an overly value for the estimated effect on customs revenue. The ITC has based its estimate on the estimated value of dutiable imports for the entire HTS category 8518.29.80 for the years 2013-2017. The resulting estimate for each year is greater than the threshold of \$500,000 customarily set by the Committees of Jurisdiction.

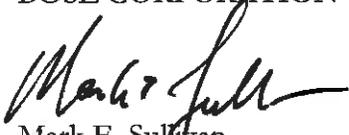
H.R. 2626 and S. 2804 propose to re-activate the currently inactive tariff line 9902.85.20, which is a subset of 8518.29.80. We therefore estimate that the revenue impact will be less than \$500,000 per year for each of the next three (3) years, as follows: 2013, \$230,000; 2014, \$230,000; and, 2015, \$241,000.

Bose Corporation is an engineering, manufacturing, and retail distributor of electronics and audio equipment with operations in Framingham, Stow, and Westborough, MA; Blythewood, SC; Yuma and Tolleson, AZ, and San Diego/Otay Mesa, CA.

Bose Corporation currently pays a 4.9% duty on each imported loudspeaker. The current duty does not protect any U.S. OEM suppliers to the auto industry. The current duty increases the finished cost of U.S. automobiles. Congress enacted an identical bill in 1999 and again in 2004. The latter bill suspended the duty through December 31, 2006. The duty suspension is currently inactive, but is still listed under Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheading 9902.85.20, which refers back to subheading 8518.29.80. H.R. 2626 and S. 2804 would re-activate this tariff line and provide a suspension of duty.

Sincerely,

BOSE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "S".

Mark E. Sullivan  
General Counsel & Secretary

Cc: Cong. Edward J. Markey  
Cong. Jim McGovern  
Cong. Richard E. Neal