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VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives

**RE: Comment in Support of a Temporary Suspension of the Duty on Imports of MCPA Acid,
H.R. 4496**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Albaugh, Inc., is a U.S. owned company with a manufacturing and formulation facility at St. Joseph, Missouri, employing 176 people. Albaugh is dedicated to providing distributors in North America with a constant supply of high quality generic crop protection chemicals which can compete on a global basis.

Albaugh supports enactment of H.R. 4496, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on MCPA acid. MCPA is a herbicide active ingredient used to control weeds in small grains crops.

There is no known production of MCPA in the United States.

A temporary duty suspension will allow importers of MCPA to remain competitive in a very competitive marketplace. MCPA is more or less a commodity and it is priced accordingly. The competition for customers is fierce, and the companies that can offer the lowest cost to customers will most likely end up with the business. In this environment, where there is no on-shore producer, it makes sense to grant a temporary duty exemption, which no doubt will create additional room for price movements that benefit the consumer.

Sincerely,



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Vice President

cc: International Trade Commission
Department of Commerce



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