

The Honorable Dave Camp
Committee on Ways and Means
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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RE: H.R. 4586 – Legislation Providing Duty Suspension for Certain Viscose Rayon Staple Fibers

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of Suominen Nonwovens, I am writing to express strong support for H.R. 4586 recently introduced by Representative Sue Myrick. That bill provides a temporary duty suspension for “staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning, measuring over 1.3 decitex but not over 1.66 decitex and having a fiber length each measuring 20 mm or more but not over 150 mm.” A companion bill – S. 3120 – has been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

Needed rayon fibers are unavailable domestically and are unlikely to be in the foreseeable future. Therefore, an extension of the duty suspension on these fibers is critical for Suominen Nonwovens to maintain its international competitiveness and should have no adverse consequences for domestic firms or workers and attract no controversy.

We understand that Congress has provided the duty suspension process to address situations such as this, and we strongly encourage a favorable report by the Committee on this bill.

Suominens Nonwoven is grateful for the opportunity to provide its comments on this important trade issue. We stand ready to answer questions or provide additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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