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The Honorable Dave Camp
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member - U.S. House Ways and Means Committee
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RE: S.2518

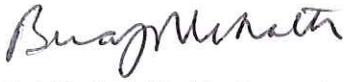
Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

We are sending this letter regarding H.R. 4722, which seeks to temporarily suspend the import duty on aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone* (HTSUS 9902.01.00).

Ashland Specialty Ingredients ("ASI"), a unit of Ashland Inc. that is headquartered in Delaware, is a domestic manufacturer of aqueous solutions of *polyvinyl pyrrolidone*. ASI sells the product to various customers who then mix it with of *polyvinyl alcohol* to create aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone*. ASI has revenues of roughly $25 million a year on sales of the product. It is manufactured at several ASI plants around the country, including facilities in Calvert City, Kentucky; Texas City, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; and Freetown, Massachusetts. The suspension of tariffs on this product would negatively affect ASI's revenue and employment of approximately 30 manufacturing workers and 6 corporate support personnel.

We believe that since the product is presently being manufactured in the United States, suspension of the import duty on aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone* would harm U.S. industry and workers and, therefore, would not meet the qualifications for duty suspension. We appreciate your attention to this matter of importance to our company and would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Sincerely,



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