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The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: **Miscellaneous Trade and Tariff Legislation**

Dear Chairmen Camp:

I am writing on behalf of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") in regard to legislation pending before the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress which, if enacted, would provide for the temporary suspension of duties for certain products. DuPont is opposed to H.R. 4762 to suspend temporarily the duty on aircraft grade polyvinyl butyral.

DuPont is a science company committed to creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. We offer a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture, nutrition and health, electronics, safety and protection and home and construction.

Polyvinyl butyral thermoplastic sheet materials are safety interlayers used in laminated glass. In the transportation industry, polyvinyl butyral interlayers enhance vehicle safety by helping retain glass fragments in case of glass breakage. In addition, because the interlayer is flexible and resilient, it also helps absorb impact in the event of a crash. Polyvinyl butyral is also used in architectural applications. DuPont is a leading supplier of polyvinyl butyral, and has two US manufacturing facilities located in Fayetteville, North Carolina and Parkersburg, West Virginia and corporate offices in Wilmington, Delaware that are involved in the manufacture, distribution and support of this product. Seikisui and Solutia also have US polyvinyl butyral manufacturing operations.

With the advent of new investment in and production of polyvinyl butyral in Asia, increasing worldwide capacity will result in price pressure that could lead to price erosion at the expense of domestic manufacturing operations. These lower prices coupled with high import tariffs in certain export markets would make it increasingly difficult for domestic producers, like

DuPont, to continue to sustain and support future investment and growth opportunities in the United States.

DuPont remains willing to provide any additional information you may need in support of our opposition to H.R. 4762, and is most appreciative for the opportunity to express our views.

Very truly yours,

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