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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 Propiconazole, H.R. 5018

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. 5018, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Propiconazole. Propiconazole is a fungicide active ingredient used to control fungi in a variety of crops and turf.

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

A temporary duty suspension will allow importers of Propiconazole to remain competitive in a very competitive marketplace. Propiconazole 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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cc: International Trade Commission
Department of Commerce