



June 20, 2012

The Honorable David Camp
Ways and Means Committee Office
United States House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Camp,

On behalf of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., headquartered in Allentown, Pennsylvania, I would like to express support for the current miscellaneous tariff bill (MTB) process in the Ways and Means Committee and strongly urge the House to enact an MTB this Congress. The MTB is an important process used by hundreds of U.S. companies, like Air Products, which rely on temporary duty suspensions to lower the cost of manufacturing inputs not produced in the United States.

Specifically, Air Products encourages the inclusion of H.R. 5043 in the final MTB package. This bill would reduce the U.S. tariff on a curing agent used as a hardener in the epoxy system applications in adhesives, composites, coatings, and building materials. Air Products supplies this product to U.S. epoxy resin formulators, who in turn supply the construction industry. There are no duplicate materials available from any domestic manufacturer. A tariff suspension for this product would lower costs to customers, which would have a positive effect on the U.S. economy. This duty suspension would also help maintain jobs at Air Products' facilities in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and California.

Thank you for your support of the MTB in the 112th Congress. We hope that this and other duty suspensions will be enacted as part of the MTB in 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Stanley", is written over the typed name and title.

John D. Stanley
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel