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To: Committee on Ways and Means /112<sup>th</sup> Congress MTB Process

Ref: Comment and Support for Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) HR 5107

Engineered Fibers Technology supports passage of HR 5107. EFT is a small business (12 employees) that focuses on providing unique technical fibers for a range of applications. We currently utilize a special acrylic fiber tow to produce a newly developed nanofibrillated acrylic fiber for specialty papers such as filtration media, battery separator paper, and other engineered paper applications. Our customer base is both US and International technical paper companies, in these cost sensitive markets.

Sterling Fibers (Pace, FL), manufactures this product for us on an exclusive toll processing basis. The continued application of the 7.5% duty on the grade of acrylic fiber tow used in these products which Sterling Fibers (and EFT) must pay increases our cost and damages our competitive position versus imported products. Nanofibrillated acrylic fibers are becoming one of our company's most important products, but the starting raw material, a special grade acrylic fiber tow, is unfortunately not available from a U.S. source.

Because of this, there are currently no domestic producers of this fiber to protect with this tariff. Suspension of the tariff on the special form of acrylic fiber tow we use will be of great assistance to increase the utilization of this technology, with the associated expansion of business and job creation.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Evans,  
Managing Director