

June 21, 2012



The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin,

On behalf of Leviton Manufacturing Company, I write to express support for H.R. 5136, introduced by Representative Israel. As part of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill, H.R. 5136 will temporarily reduce duties on certain electrical connectors used in conjunction with amplifier-to-speaker not manufactured in the United States. A previous version of this legislation was included as Section 2240 of HR 6517, which received a favorable vote in the House on December 15, 2010. The duty on this product is 2.7% *ad-valorem*.

Leviton has its origins at the dawn of the electrical era in 1906. Originally engaged in the fabrication of mantle tips for gas lighting, the company soon converted to production of a single electrical product -- a pull-chain lampholder. Today, Leviton's product offering comprises more than 20,000 distinct catalog numbers, and the company stands as one of the largest privately-held global providers of various electrical components and supplies products that are used in nine out of ten homes in North America. With a workforce of over 6,000 people and presence in 80 countries, Leviton is also a leading U.S. exporter. Our company employs over 2,000 people in the US alone and has offices located in over 10 states around the United States.

Successful passage of MTB legislation will allow Leviton to pass duty savings downstream to U.S. consumers, ensuring that prices continue to remain competitive. We urge lawmakers to help ensure that tariffs do not increase on January 1st, 2013, and to work towards reducing duties on new products by passing MTB legislation before the end of the year.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Schodowski".

Christopher J. Schodowski  
Divisional Controller