



June 22, 2012

The Hon. Kevin Brady  
Chairman, House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Jim McDermott  
Ranking Member, House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support H.R. 5183 – Gadolinium oxide**

Dear Representatives Brady and McDermott:

Global Tungsten & Powders (GTP) is a US domestic producer of multiple specialty chemicals and refractory powders. GTP has been producing phosphors for nearly 60 years including phosphors for X-RAY, CRT, display, lighting, and backlighting applications.

We write today in **support of H. R. 5183**, a Miscellaneous Tariff Bill request from Representative Tom Marino of Pennsylvania's 10<sup>th</sup> District that would suspend duties on **gadolinium oxide** for a period of three years.

We believe that this bill favors the national interest. Duties on this material raise prices for American manufacturers, and thus ultimately American consumers, without offering concomitant benefits. As there are no known commercial-scale producers of these materials inside the United States, we believe it is appropriate to suspend these duties for the next three years.

Gadolinium oxides are used by GTP and other manufacturers in the production of phosphors. Phosphors are then used in the production of fluorescent lamps, plasma TVs, LEDs, and electroluminescent products. GTP has been a world leader in the research and development and manufacture of phosphors for various markets for many decades. In 2011, GTP produced over one million kilograms of phosphors and phosphor chemicals, with the majority of these products being sold in the US. GTP products, all manufactured by 1000 American workers in Towanda, Pennsylvania, are used in a wide variety of

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commercial and residential lighting products. During our long history of manufacturing in Pennsylvania, we have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in our chemical operations, reduction furnaces, powder spray drying capabilities, carburizing furnaces, presses, sintering furnaces, and analytical equipment.

In order to inform all parties of our support for this bill, we will also send copies of this letter to the Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact Paul Sedor of GTP in our Towanda, PA offices at (570) 268-5105 or Jeff Green of Green & Company, at their Washington, DC offices at (202) 546-0388 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy Garrity".

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Attachments: GTP Brochure

Cc: Ms. Allison Giles, Majority Staff Director