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

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

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of Special Materials Company (SMC), I am writing to support H.R. 5198, as part of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process. H.R. 5198 will extend a current temporary duty reduction on *sodium hypophosphite monohydrate (SHP)*, which is an import not produced in the US but used in the manufacturing of US products. SHP has several uses: as a plating agent not only in metal objects but also plastics and ceramics; a chemical intermediate, antioxidant, and reagent; a fire retardant; a source of electrons in resin generation; and a polymer catalyst and stabilizer.

SMC is a global producer and marketer of specialty chemicals headquartered in New York City and with operations in New Jersey and South Carolina. Furthermore, it is the largest supplier of green solvents in North America. SMC products serve many important U.S. industries, including oil & gas, paper, pharmaceutical, textile, electronics, chemical intermediates, agriculture, resins, adhesives, paint & coatings and photo imaging.

Successful passage of this MTB will allow SMC to pass duty savings downstream to U.S. industry and other end-users, ensuring that prices continue to remain competitive. We recognize that the MTB process is ongoing and ask for your resolve in helping U.S. companies by passing this important legislation before the end of the year.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Feldman", written in a cursive style.

Adam Feldman  
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