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RE: Opposition to H.R. 5199

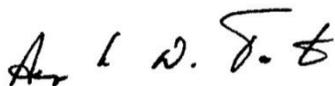
Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) represents U.S. manufacturers of various types of textile and apparel products. We are writing to strongly oppose H.R. 5199, a bill to suspend temporarily the rate of duty on window shade material composed of 100% filament polyester yarns in a modified basket weave with a fabric weight of 385 grams per square meter, with 30-40 grams per square meter of pigment on the front and an acrylic foam backing stabilized with ammonium stearate and aerated, applied in a 3 pass process in which the first and third passes are applied at 55-65 grams per square meter and are white in color and the second pass is applied at 55-65 grams per square meter and is black in color (provided for in subheading 5903.90.25).

We are opposed to this bill because it grants duty relief to products that are made here in the United States. Copland Industries, based in Burlington, NC, is currently producing the window shade material described in this bill. Granting duty-free treatment on the subject product would have a negative impact on Copland and their employees. As a result, we oppose the inclusion of H.R. 5199 in any final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) package.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.R. 5199. We greatly appreciate your noting our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,



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