Rockland Industries, Inc.

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Re: Opposition to H.R. 5203

The Honorable Dave Camp
United States House of representatives
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Camp:

H.R. 5203 is on of a trio of bills including H.R. 5201 and H.R. 5206, introduced by Representative Mulvaney of South Carolina. These resolutions, if they became law, would amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States by removing import duties on various window shade fabrics containing some or all of the following ingredients: foam backing, acrylic coating, cotton flocking, titanium dioxide, and polyester plain weave fabric.

We strongly oppose these resolutions. Rockland is a textile manufacturer operating a finishing plant in Bamberg, South Carolina. Among the products we make are window shade fabrics containing foam backing, acrylic coating, cotton flocking, titanium dioxide, and polyester plain weave fabric. We obtain the polyester plain weave fabric from another U.S. manufacturer. In addition, we manufacture window shade fabrics of other descriptions.

At present Rockland employs approximately 200 people. A reduction in the cost of imported window shade fabrics by removing the import duties on them would have a negative impact on our ability to sell our U.S. made products, which in turn would have a negative effect on our ability to maintain our current levels of employment.

For these reasons we urge that these three resolutions not be passed or included in the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Berman, President

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