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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, Subcommittee on Trade
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 5335, to provide a duty suspension for certain drive axles designed for use in off-road construction equipment.

Dear Chairman Brady:

I am writing on behalf of Deere & Company ("Deere") to express the company's support for H.R. 5335, and to urge prompt passage of this legislation. This bill temporarily suspends the import duty on certain drive axles designed for use in off-road construction equipment.

H.R. 5335, as part of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process, has broad benefits -- providing access for U.S. manufacturers such as Deere to lower-cost inputs. The MTB process enables U.S. manufacturing exports to be more competitive globally and supports job creation in the U.S. These cost savings also benefit manufacturers' supply chain, retailers, and consumers.

Deere strongly supports the timely enactment of H.R. 5335 to amend the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule to provide a duty suspension for these particular engines. Should you have any questions about Deere's view, please contact Sarah Dean at (202) 423-2286 in Deere's Public Affairs Worldwide office.

Sincerely,

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