

Dear Member of Congress

I write today to encourage you to vote in support of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill. Through its innovations in manufacturing, the Dow Chemical Company has hired thousands of new employees in the U.S., and created thousands more U.S. jobs in our network of suppliers and contractors. The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) helps contribute to the global competitiveness of our U.S. manufacturing operations by lowering the cost of necessary materials that must be imported from other countries because they are not produced in the United States.

Thanks to your leadership and to reforms made to the process over the last few years, duty suspension requests are now open for public comment and debate. This increased transparency and the participation of all companies utilizing these products has helped remove a duplicative tax on industry and ensures that we have competitive access to manufacturing inputs. As a result, we can stay competitive, maintain our manufacturing base and sustain U.S. jobs.

Existing duty suspensions expire at the end of this year and Dow is eager to start the process towards passage. We look forward to working with you and your staff to move a bill that will support job creation through chemistry and innovation. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

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