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Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation / H.R.5469/ S. 2379

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

The two bills referenced above have as their intent *the reduction or removal of the duty manganese flake H.R.5469 and manganese flake containing at least 99.5 percent by weight of manganese/ S. 2379.*

American Manganese Inc. (herein the Company) **strongly opposes** any reduction in the tariff on electrolytic manganese products specifically manganese flake containing at least 99.5 percent by weight of manganese

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The Company is developing a large open pit manganese mine in Mohave County, Arizona. The product of the mine after extensive processing will be **electrolytic manganese metal** sometimes referenced as manganese flake or manganese flake containing at least 99.5 percent by weight of manganese.

This near pure form of manganese is vital and virtually irreplaceable in some of its applications. These include as an alloying agent in gas/oil pipeline steel; this steel alloy and its 2% manganese content is vital to the energy security of the United States.

The Company has invested millions of dollars advancing this project and when completed will be the only manganese mine in the US.

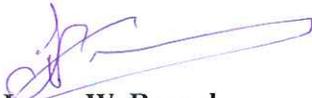
The protection given by the current 14% import duty levied against Chinese imports is important to the development of our project. China produces 98% of the world's electrolytic manganese metal and is in an unacceptable position of control over the United States in this area.

Please go to our website to learn more about the exciting project in Arizona
<http://www.americanmanganeseinc.com/>

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely

AMERICAN MANGANESE INC.



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