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The Honorable Dave Camp
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
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RE: Opposition to H.R. 5485

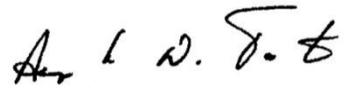
Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

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. 5485, a bill to suspend temporarily the rate of duty on narrow woven fabrics (other than ribbons), not pile, of man-made fibers, not containing by weight 5% or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber (provided for in subheading 5806.32.20).

We are opposed to this bill because it grants duty relief to products that are made here in the United States. Unifi, based in Greensboro, NC, is a U.S. producer of polyester and nylon yarns and supplies yarn to many narrow woven fabric producers in the United States who compete in this market. These include, but are not limited to, Aplix Inc, Asheboro Elastic Corp, Bo Buck Mills Inc, DMI Industries, Franklin Braid Mfg Co, Interstate Narrow Fabrics Inc, Joe-Anne Narrow Fabrics, Julius Koch Usa Inc, Leedon Webbing Co Inc, North East Knitting Inc, Southern Weaving Company, and Stretch Products Corp. While many of these narrow woven fabric producers are not AMTAC members, we wanted you to be aware that there is significant production of these fabrics domestically. Obviously, granting duty-free treatment on the subject narrow woven fabrics would undermine these domestic companies and their employees.

For these reasons, we oppose the inclusion of H.R. 5485 in any final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) package. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.R. 5485. We greatly appreciate your noting our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. L. D. T. B." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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