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The Honorable Dave Camp, Chairman
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
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Sent via online form
RE: Opposition to HR 5558

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

Milliken & Company is a highly diversified manufacturer of apparel and industrial fabric, floorcoverings and chemicals -- headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

I write to oppose HR 5558(girls' knitted or crocheted trousers and breeches of synthetic fibers, the foregoing containing 5 percent or more by weight of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread and not imported as parts of playsuits - provided for in subheading 6104.63.20)) sponsored by Congressman Blumenauer of Oregon, because it would grant duty relief to products made in the United States.

Milliken's Specialty Fabrics Division employs more than one hundred associates in North Carolina, who knit cotton and man-made fabric for the performance knit and sports markets. We supply US and Caribbean apparel manufacturers with specified product offerings. Duty-free imports of garments made with Asian fabric, which compete with U.S. fabric made garments would undermine our knit business and cause job losses in North Carolina.

Products under HR 5558, described above, compete directly with our products and thus we urge you to reject this provision from the final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HR 5558.

Sincerely,



Katherine M. Dutilh
Manager, Government Relations

