

June 20, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, Trade Subcommittee
Committee on Ways & Means
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The Honorable Jim McDermott
Ranking Member, Trade Subcommittee
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Dear Chairmen Camp and Brady, and Ranking Members Levin and McDermott:

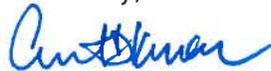
I am writing on behalf of TaylorMade-adidas Golf Company to support H.R.5637 – To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain golf bags – and request its inclusion in the 2012 Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process. This legislation will extend for three years the existing duty suspension/reduction on golf bag bodies (HTS 9902.23.24) that will otherwise expire on December 31, 2012.

This duty suspension provision is a prime example of how duty suspension bills can advance a broad range of U.S. economic interests. By suspending the duty on imports of incomplete golf bags, the provision has created an incentive for companies to locate golf bag assembly operations in the United States as some U.S. sporting goods companies have proceeded to do. At the same time, the provision has helped lower the cost to consumers of golf bags assembled here in the United States.

TaylorMade-adidas Golf Company is a member of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA), whose membership includes a large number of companies engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of golf bags that will benefit from this legislation. SGMA has consulted with its members and has determined that no commercial entity manufactures the items covered by H.R.5637 and that the legislation is otherwise not controversial. The legislation will benefit more than ten companies.

We hope you will support including this important legislation in the 2012 MTB package.

Sincerely,



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