



TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS

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Representative Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
1106 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

I am writing in support of H.R. 5698, legislation temporarily suspending the duty on S-(2-benzothiazolyl)-2-(2-amino-thiazol-4-yl)-2-acetoxyimino thioacetate (Thioester).

Thioester is a raw material used by Teva Pharmaceuticals in the production of the active pharmaceutical ingredient, Cefdinir, a cephalosporin antibiotic. This finished product is used to treat certain kinds of bacterial infections.

Because Teva is unaware of any domestic manufacturers of Thioester, the company must rely on suppliers outside of the United States. Currently, Teva imports this material from a company in India but in the future could have to source the material from China in order to meet our supply needs.

Through 2015, Teva anticipates paying over \$200,000 in duties from having to import this material. A temporary suspension of this duty will allow Teva to continue to provide low cost medications to consumers and purchasers and compete in the global marketplace.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to voice our support for this legislation and we urge its inclusion in any final Miscellaneous Trade Bill.

Sincerely,

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