



November 25, 2009

The Honorable Max Baucus
The Honorable Charles Grassley
Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC, 20510
Attention: MTB

SUBJECT: GLOBAL TUNGSTEN & POWDERS CORP. OBJECTS TO S.1913 WHICH WOULD CONTINUE THE DUTY SUSPENSION ON RESIN CEMENT BASED ON CALCIUM CARBONATE AND SILICONE RESINS

Dear Senator Baucus and Senator Grassley,

We are writing to you to bring the following urgent issue to your attention.

Global Tungsten & Powders Corp. (GTP) a Delaware Corporation located in Towanda, Pennsylvania, is a domestic producer and a world leader in rare earth phosphor development. We have been manufacturing resin cement based on calcium carbonate and organic resins which are used in the same application as the resin cement listed above, along with other phosphor products used in energy-efficient lighting and display applications at our facility more than 70 years. GTP has been a consistent employer for the community and currently employs nearly 1,000 persons of which 140 are in phosphor manufacturing. GTP can satisfy the U.S. demand for resin cement based on calcium carbonate and resins.

At present the United States allows duty-free imports of resin cement based on calcium carbonate and silicone resins amounting to 3.7% classified as 3214.10.00, exception 9902.22.62 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. GTP objects to any continuation of the duty suspension of this resin cement and is requesting the 3.7% duty be reinstated beginning January 1st, 2010.

We thank-you for the opportunity to comment during this period and respectfully urge you to object to the duty suspension of this bill.

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