



GROB SYSTEMS, INC.
Machine Tool Division

Senior Management

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U.S. Senate Finance Committee

Reference: Statement of Opposition to
S. 2014 – Bill to suspend temporarily the duty on horizontal machining center.
S. 2047 – Bill to suspend temporarily the duty on horizontal machining center.

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to inform you that we strongly oppose the elimination of the above noted tariffs.

GROB is a machine tool builder and one of our products is 5-axis machining centers. For several years now we have invested a considerable amount of resources and time to be able to build these machines in the U.S. with and American workforce. We therefore do not see any reason why importing machines from overseas should be free of tariffs when the same machines can be purchased as a "made in the U.S.A." product.

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We therefore again oppose any elimination or temporary cancellation of these tariffs.

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Best regards,

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