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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman, Finance Committee
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: 2009 Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: S. 2126 (A Bill to Extend the Temporary Duty Suspension on Electromechanical Ice Shavers)

Dear Senator Baucus:

We are writing to express our support for S. 2126, a bill seeking to extend the existing duty suspension on electromechanical ice shavers. The existing duty suspension on these ice shavers is presently found under HTS Subheading 9902.23.41. This duty suspension went into effect on January 1, 2008, and is due to expire on December 31, 2009. S. 2126 merely seeks to extend this existing duty suspension for another two-year period — until December 31, 2011. This bill seeks only to maintain the status quo.

A companion bill, HR 4769, has been introduced in the House of Representative which also seeks a two year extension of this duty suspension.

Jarden is aware of no production of electromechanical ice shavers in the United States. Duty free treatment for these ice shavers has, to date, had no adverse impact on any U.S. industry of which Jarden is aware, and Jarden anticipates that this would be the same for the next two years as well.

Benefits from the continuing suspension of the 4.2% import duty will continue to be passed on to U.S. consumers in the form of lower prices.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate Finance Committee to include S. 2126 in any Miscellaneous Tariff Bill that will be enacted by the Congress this year.

Should the Finance Committee have any questions with respect to S. 2126, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor J. Michels".

Victor J. Michels
Senior Vice President, Legal