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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. 2127 (A Bill to Extend the Temporary Duty Suspension on Certain AC Electric Motors)

Dear Senator Baucus:

We are writing to express our support for S. 2127, a bill seeking to extend the existing duty suspension on AC electric motors of an output exceeding 74.6 W but not exceeding 95 W. The existing duty suspension on these motors is presently found under HTS Subheading 9902.85.08. This duty suspension went into effect on January 1, 2008, and is due to expire on December 31, 2009. S. 2127 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.

We import the motors in question and use them in the production of small fans in our Waynesboro, Mississippi manufacturing facility. Our Waynesboro facility employs over 400 workers. Duty free treatment for the electric motors reduces the cost of a major component of the fans by 4%, and enables Jarden to sell these finished U.S.-produced fans at a lower, more competitive price in what is a very price competitive market.

Duty free treatment for these motors 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.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate Finance Committee to include S. 2127 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. 2127, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor J. Michels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "V" and "M".

Victor J. Michels
Senior Vice President, Legal