



Senator Max Baucus, Chairman
Senator Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee On Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6200

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Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation E-Mail Filing: S. 2171

RE: Objection to S. 2171, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene yarn measuring not less than 131 decitex but not more than 340 decitex.

Dear Senators Baucus and Grassley,

The American Fiber Manufacturers Association (AFMA) is the trade association representing the interests of U.S. producers of manufactured fiber. We hereby wish to record opposition to enactment of S. 2171, a bill that would temporarily suspend the existing 8.8% tariff on ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) yarn measuring not less than 131 decitex but not more than 340 decitex.

UHMWPE in the decitex range covered by S. 2171 is produced in the United States by Honeywell Advanced Fibers & Composites, an AFMA member, and also by DSM Corporation. Accordingly, removal of the 8.8% tariff targeted in S. 2171 would disrupt this highly competitive market to the disadvantage of domestic producers, workers and their communities.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information desired by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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