

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: Electronic Filing

RE: Objection to S. 2172, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ultra-high Molecular weight polyethylene yarn measuring not less than 40 decitex but not more than 130 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 register opposition to enactment of *S. 2172, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene yarn measuring not less than 40 decitex but not more than 130 decitex.*

UHMWPE in the decitex range covered by the proposed temporary tariff waiver bill 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. 2172 would disrupt this highly competitive market, to the disadvantage of domestic production, its associated workers, and communities.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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