



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. 2173**

RE: Objection to S. 2173, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene yarn measuring not less than 341 decitex but not more than 510 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. 2173, a bill that would temporarily suspend the existing 8.8% tariff on ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene yarn measuring not less than 341 decitex but not more than 510 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. 2173 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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