

REF: S. 2320 - A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on parts of machinery for the industrial preparation or manufacture of dried vegetable snack (small portions of food usually eaten other than at meal times) items (Nelson).

Dear Finance Committee,

Our company and subsidiaries oppose this bill to reduce temporarily the duty on parts of machinery for the industrial preparation or manufacture of dried vegetable snack (small portions of food usually eaten other than at meal times) items..

At a time when US businesses are struggling to survive, and US tax paying citizens are losing jobs to foreign competition, I find it very concerning to think our representatives would assist the rest of the world at a cost to US businesses and citizens. Allowing foreign competition to freely import will further erode US business. Now is NOT the time to remove support of domestic production and employment!

We, Hi Tech/FPA Group are manufacturers of Food Processing Equipment. One division of our business is FPA (Food Process Automation) and two major product lines are Ovens for baking and drying, and Cooling Tunnels for cooling of food products. Our Industry has suffered business loss due to foreign competition, and some of that competition is coming from foreign companies in which the foreign government encourages, supports, and assists their constituents in exporting their products. Surely it is obvious that providing support to imports and foreign countries undermines the very country that employs our congressional congressmen considering these bills.

Sincerely,

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