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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance
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Sent via e-mail

RE: Opposition to S. 2516

Dear Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) I am writing to strongly oppose S. 2516. This legislation would temporarily suspend U.S. duties on certain nonwoven air filter and diffusion media.

We are opposed to this bill in that it grants duty relief to imports that directly compete with products made here in the United States by domestic manufacturers. S. 2516, introduced by Senator Graham, would suspend the 3.8 percent duty on nonwoven air filter and diffusion media. This product directly competes with nonwoven air filter and diffusion media made by Milliken & Company of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Milliken & Company is a leading provider of nonwoven air filter and diffusion media. Milliken's product uses layers of fine denier polyester fibers (2-1- decitex, with a length of 25-85mm; weighing 400 to 700g/m2, thermally bonded). Milliken's media can be coated with an adhesive, reinforced with a woven open mesh scrim or both. The media can be used in downdraft spray cabins for painting and for other air filtration applications. These are exactly the specs encompassed by the proposed legislation.

As a result, we oppose the inclusion of S. 2516 in the final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) package. Thank you for opportunity to comment on S. 2516. We greatly appreciate your noting our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. I. N. T. B." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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