



November 30, 2009

Chairman Max Baucus
Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

RE: **Objection to S. 2516**, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on nonwoven air filter and diffusion media.

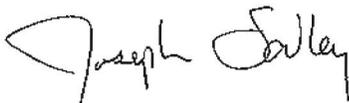
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the bills included in the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

We are very supportive of the MTB process as a way to help U.S. domestic manufacturers become more competitive. However, we object to S. 2516, a bill which would suspend the duty on nonwoven air filter and diffusion media -- a product that directly competes with a Milliken offering.

Milliken & Company is a leading non-woven manufacturer. Milliken has the capability and a strong interest in providing a product for the air filtration market that uses layers of fine denier polyester fibers (2-1- decitex, with a length of 25-85mm; weighing 400 to 700f/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.

Again, thank you for your efforts to move this important legislation and for the chance to weigh in on S. 2516; a bill which would suspend the 3.8% duty on imports of nonwoven air filters and diffusion media, disadvantaging Milliken & Company in this marketplace.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Salley