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The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Reference: MTB Comments: S. 2613, S. 2614, S. 2617

Dear Chairman Baucus:

totes»Isotoner Corporation is an Ohio based company headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. totes»Isotoner Corporation is one of the largest marketers of umbrellas in the U.S., plus we sell slippers and other weather-related accessories.

We strongly support S. 2613, S. 2614 and S. 2617, as introduced by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). The elimination of the 8.2% duty on imported stick and golf umbrellas is important to companies and consumers alike – particularly in these tough economic times. The fact that there is no domestic production of these umbrellas means the American consumer pays a higher price for no reason. This is further underscored by the fact that umbrellas with collapsible shafts have a 0% duty rate.

Passage of these bills is greatly beneficial to the U.S. consumer, retailers and umbrella companies. The legislation is non-controversial and enjoys broad support. We urge the Committee to include these bills in the tariff package.

Sincerely,



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