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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: **Miscellaneous Trade and Tariff Legislation**

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I am writing on behalf of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") in regard to legislation pending before the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress which, if enacted, would provide for the temporary suspension of duties for certain products. DuPont is opposed to a specific bill, S. 1676, to suspend temporarily the duty on o-toluidine. Introduced September 12, 2005 by Senator Santorum, the bill seeks to amend Subchapter II of Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States by inserting a new heading, 9902.39.14, for 2-Methylaniline (o-toluidine), CAS No. 95-53-4, provided for in subheading 2921.43.90, as duty free through December 31, 2009.

DuPont is a science company committed to creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. We offer a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture and nutrition, electronics, communication; safety and protection; home and construction; transportation and apparel.

DuPont's wholly owned subsidiary, First Chemical is the sole remaining U.S. producer of o-toluidine. Ortho toluidine is used primarily in the production of agricultural chemicals, and in addition is used in rubber chemicals, dyes and pigment intermediates. First Chemical produces o-toluidine for use in each of these applications at our United States' manufacturing site in Pascagoula, Mississippi, which employs approximately { } people. In addition, employees at DuPont's corporate offices in Wilmington, Delaware support this business.

First Chemical remains committed to supporting its customers; however, at present we are operating below our plant's capacity utilization rate due to competitive pressures from Chinese and Indian producers. Over the past ten years, significant

investment and increased capacities in this region have adversely affected our U.S. manufacturing operations. DuPont believes the duty suspension request outlined in S. 1676, if enacted, would further jeopardize our domestic manufacturing operations. Imports from low priced Chinese and Indian producers would result in price suppression and erode average U.S. selling prices. Ultimately, decreased domestic employment could result, jeopardizing not only our employees, but the economic viability of the communities in which we operate.

DuPont remains willing to provide any additional information you may need in support of our opposition to S. 1676, and is most appreciative for the opportunity to express our views.

Very truly yours,

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