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The Honorable Craig Thomas
Chairman
Senate International Trade Subcommittee
SD-219 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

VIA Fax and Mail

Dear Chairman Thomas:

I am writing on behalf of Engelhard Corporation, headquartered in Iselin, NJ, with manufacturing facilities in Louisville, KY and Elyria, OH, to object to three (3) bills contained within the proposed Trade Laws and Miscellaneous Duty Suspension bill.

Specifically, we object to the proposed duty suspensions called for by the following bills: HR 2546; HR 2550 and HR 2551. We do not object to HR 2888, HR 2548, HR 2549 or HR 2552. Furthermore, the Department of Commerce in a December 2004 communication to Congress specifically cited domestic production for HR. 2546 and HR 2551.

Engelhard bases its objections on the fact that we produce in the United States pigments and colorants that compete for the same customers in the same U.S. marketplace as those foreign-manufactured products proposed for duty suspensions. Allowing these foreign-produced pigments and colorants into this country duty-free would have a significant adverse impact on our business and our employees.

While we agree that there are pigments and colorants that do not impact our company, and thus we have raised no objections, we request that the three bills referenced above be stricken from the trade bill. If you have questions, please contact me at 732-205-5000.

Sincerely,



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Director of Sales & Technical Marketing

cc: Dave Bushnell