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VIA Fax and Mail

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The Honorable Philip M. Crane
Chairman
House Ways & Means Trade Subcommittee
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crane:

I am writing on behalf of Engelhard Corporation, headquartered in Iselin, NJ, with manufacturing facilities in Louisville, KY and Elyria, OH, to object to eleven (11) 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 3819; HR 3822; HR 3823; HR 4351; HR 4352; HR 4353; HR 4354; HR 4355; HR 4360; HR 4359, and HR 4357. We are not opposing HR 3821; HR 3820; HR 4350; HR 4349, and HR 4358.

Engelhard bases its objections on the fact that we produce in the United States pigments and colors 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 colors 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 colors that do not impact our company, and thus we have raised no objections, we request that the eight bills referenced above be stricken from the trade bill. If you have questions, please contact me at 1-732-205-7144.

Sincerely,

Roland Valin

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