

June 6, 2002

Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: H. R. 4117 to Amend Subchapter II  
of the Harmonized Tariff

Dear Committee Members:

Kimberly-Clark Corporation opposes the passage of H.R. 4117 to amend Subchapter II of the Harmonized Tariff. H.R. 4117 would accord duty free status to the nonwoven filter clothes described therein.

Kimberly-Clark Corporation and other U.S. manufacturers currently manufacture and sell in the United States nonwoven filter media which have the same performance characteristics and compete with the filter cloths described in H.R. 4117. For this reason, the filter media described in H.R. 4117 are not entitled to duty free status and the bill should not be enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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