



June 5, 2002

The Honorable Philip M. Crane
Chair, Subcommittee on Trade
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6354

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation: H.R. 4128

Dear Chairman Crane:

American Fittings, Inc. is a manufacturer of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings and flanges. We have been doing business in South Carolina for nearly two decades, and we employ over 70 people. We strongly support the Markings Harmonization Act of 2002, H.R. 4128, which would preserve the longstanding marking laws that apply to our products.

In establishing and building our business, we have relied on the court decisions and Customs Service rulings that have established the marking requirements for our products. It is crucial that those requirements remain stable and clear in order for us to continue to make the investments necessary to be competitive. The Markings Harmonization Act would achieve that stability and clarity by codifying the current marking requirements in a straightforward manner. This legislation is therefore very important for American Fittings, Inc., our employees, and the future of our business.

We urge you to act promptly to enact the Markings Harmonization Act. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles L. Reid

Charles L. Reid, President