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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, D.C. 20515-6354

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation: H.R. 4128

Dear Chairman Crane:

Boltex Manufacturing Company strongly supports the Markings Harmonization Act of 2002, H.R. 4128. As a manufacturer of steel flanges, it is very important that we have clear and stable laws regarding the marking of flanges and that those laws not be subject to sudden changes. This legislation provides the clarity and consistency that we very much need.

The marking standards codified by the legislation have been in effect for over 30 years, established and confirmed by court decisions and Customs Services rulings. Those standards were a critical element in our company's decision to expand our production facilities in the Houston area. We have invested millions of dollars in the most modern equipment, and we employ 120 workers. Any change in the longstanding marking rules would jeopardize our plant and our workers. That is why we endorse the Markings Harmonization Act, which would maintain the current marking laws, enabling us to continue to make investments here in America.

On behalf of Boltex and our employees, we urge the enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frank V. Bernobich

Frank V. Bernobich, President