



MACHINE SPECIALTY & MANUFACTURING, INC.

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,

Machine Specialty & Manufacturing, Inc. produces steel butt-weld pipe fittings and flanges for oilfield companies. Enactment of the Markings Harmonization Act of 2002, H.R. 4128 is vital to our business.

The Markings Harmonization Act would maintain the longstanding markings laws for steel butt-weld pipe fittings and flanges and would prevent abrupt changes in the law. Our family owned business has depended on the current markings laws in making decisions to invest in our plant and equipment here in Youngsville, Louisiana. Changes in those laws now would severely undermine the value of our business and would jeopardize the jobs of our 90 employees. The legislation would ensure stability in the law, and would make continued expansions of our business possible.

We do hope that you will do all you can to promote the passage of the Markings Harmonization Act.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Andrew Vige

Andrew Vige, President