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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, DC 20515-6354

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Legislation: H.R. 4128

Dear Chairman Crane:

I am very pleased to write in support of the Markings Harmonization Act of 2002, H.R. 4128. At Westbrook Manufacturing, we manufacture stainless fittings and flanges. We need clear and consistent marking rules for these products in order to continue to invest in and grow our business. The legislation will maintain the longstanding marking rules that have enabled us to develop our business and provide job security to our 225 employees.

It is important to stress that the Marking Harmonization Act does not alter the marking requirements that have been in effect for many years, based on court decisions and Customs Service rulings. All it does is ensure the stability and clarity of those requirements. The legislation will thus be a great help in business planning and in law enforcement

On behalf of my company and our employees, I urge the prompt enactment of the Markings Harmonization Act.

Sincerely yours,

*/s/ Charles Westbrook*

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