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Via Facsimile and E-mail

Congressman Philip M. Crane Chairman Subcommittee on Trade The Committee on Ways and Means U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC

Re: Comments on H.R. 4179

Dear Congressman Crane:

Timex Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its world headquarters in Middlebury, Connecticut and operations in Arkansas and Connecticut, has been engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, assembling and marketing watches worldwide for nearly 150 years. The company has substantial design, research and development, quality control, distribution, customer service and sales operations in the United States.

Timex supports the proposed amendment to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States set forth in H.R. 4179 with respect to the production incentive certificate program for watch and jewelry producers in the United States possessions, including the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.

We appreciate the opportunity to lend our support for H.R. 4179.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant General Course