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The Honorable Philip M Crane
Chairman
Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Congressman Crane,

It has come to our attention that an application (HR 4502) has been made to amend Subchapter II of the chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States by inserting in numerical sequence the following new heading: 9902.29.95 Prodiamine (CAS No. 29091-21-2) (provided for in subheading 2921.59.80), as temporarily duty free.

On behalf of Clariant Corporation I would like to strongly object to duty suspension on this chemical. Clariant is anticipating production of this product in our Elgin facility in South Carolina. The product is of significant economic importance and suspension of duty would severely impact our facility. As manufacturers, we would therefore request that this application for duty suspension be denied.

Yours truly,

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Operations Director