

**STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF**

**CERTAIN U .S. PASTA PRODUCERS
TO THE**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4540
CONTAINED IN THE “MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF” BILL**

JUNE 5, 2002

The following U.S. pasta producers join to oppose H.R. 4540, a bill contained in the miscellaneous tariff package that provides for the liquidation, or reliquidation, of certain pasta entries from Italy made between 1996 and 1998. American-Italian Pasta Company, New World Pasta Company, A. Zerega’s Sons, Inc., and Dakota Growers Pasta Company, collectively, oppose H.R. 4540, which would undermine the specific trade relief provided for by the U.S. Department of Commerce pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. The imports at issue were found, after an extensive proceeding at the Department of Commerce, to have been dumped – sold at less than fair value. Accordingly, the Commerce Department has determined, pursuant to U.S. law, that duties are to be assessed on these imports of pasta. The International Trade Commission previously had found that pasta imports were injuring the domestic pasta industry. H.R. 4540 seeks to end-run the legal framework for calculating and assessing duties on imported Italian pasta by permitting the liquidation or reliquidation of entries to lower the total duties owed from the specific duty assessment calculated by the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department made no error in calculating the duties owed.

Accordingly, we urge the Committee to reject H.R. 4540 in its entirety.

SUBMITTED BY:

AMERICAN-ITALIAN PASTA COMPANY
NEW WORLD PASTA COMPANY
A. ZEREGA’S SONS, INC.
DAKOTA GROWERS PASTA COMPANY