

June 4, 2002

Honorable Philip M. Crane, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Trade
United States House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: H.R. 603

Dear Mr. Crane:

I am writing this letter on behalf of GTC Nutrition LLC (GTC), a small entrepreneurial business located in Golden, Colorado. GTC markets and sells innovative nutritional ingredients and products to the Food, Supplement and Feed markets in the United States. GTC's primary product is Fructooligosaccharides (FOS), a naturally occurring class of carbohydrate present in a variety of fruits, vegetables and grains. FOS is a health promoting specialty ingredient.

GTC currently pays a 6.4% duty on its imports of FOS, amounting to a cost of \$150,000 annually. For the past two years, GTC, with the kind assistance of Representative Tom Tancredo (R-Colorado), has attempted to suspend the duty for that particular ingredient via Miscellaneous Trade Bill - **H.R. 603**. It appears that this bill is finally going to be reviewed this session. Passage of **H.R. 603** would enable GTC to use those additional funds to further develop its business, creating more skilled jobs in Colorado and the United States.

I understand that **H.R. 603** is non-controversial, revenue neutral and supported by the Administration. Passage of this bill will lead to more opportunity for small businesses.

I would appreciate your support of the passage of **H.R. 603**.

Sincerely yours,

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