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US Tariffs on Certain Cutting Tools S. 3151, S.3152, and S3135

Thank you for giving Woodcraft Supply, LLC (Woodcraft) the opportunity to be aware of and provide feedback for the three bills (S.3135, S.3151, and S.3152) that are currently pending in Congress that would temporarily suspend the US tariff on US imports of certain router bit sets, drill bit sets and drill/driver bit sets.

Woodcraft would support these bills under the following conditions:

- 1. If the bill(s) were written to include the additional quantities of:
  - 6-piece, 10-piece, 12-piece, and 20-piece router bit sets.
  - 4-piece, 5-piece, and 7-piece drill/driver bit sets
  - 7-piece, 16-piece, and 24-piece Forstner bit sets.

## OR

2. If the specific quantities of router bit sets, drill bit sets and drill/driver bit sets were omitted altogether to provide a level playing field for all companies in the US who currently supply these products.

If neither of these conditions are met, Woodcraft does NOT support these bills as written due to the fact that there are only one or two companies in the US who currently purchase/sell router bit sets, drill bit sets and drill/driver bit sets in the quantities detailed in the proposed bills, and passage of these proposed bills would give those companies an unfair 5% advantage in the cost of those products.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to provide input into the consideration of these pending bills. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding my comments, and we would appreciate being notified as to the final outcome of these pending bills.

Jeffrey E. Forbes President

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Our company manufactures woodworking drill bits and sets in the USA and have been in business since 1890. We are opposed to Senate bills S.3151 and S.3152 and to the suspension of tariffs on imported woodworking drills and sets. Imported product has become our primary competition and is responsible for the decline in USA made product. Our government should not give imports another advantage over domestic companies when domestic companies generate taxable income for the United States and create jobs for its citizens. This bill is not good for US manufacturing.

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley Committee on Finance 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-6200 ATTN: MTB

## RE: Support for Legislation S.2972, S.2976, S.2977, S.3135, S.3151, S.3152

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of Central Purchasing, LLC. in support of the following legislation:

*S.2972* to suspend temporarily the duty on certain 16-inch variable speed scroll saw machines

**S.2976** to suspend temporarily the duty on 6-inch bench grinders for grinding, polishing or otherwise finishing metal or cement, valued under \$3,025 each

*S.2977* to suspend temporarily the duty on 8-inch bench grinders for grinding, polishing or otherwise finishing metal or cement, valued under \$3,025 each

*S.3135* to suspend temporarily the duty on 40-piece carbide router bit set for woodworking

*S.3151* to suspend temporarily the duty on 120-piece, 90-piece, and 60-piece drill bit sets for woodworking

*S.3152* to suspend temporarily the duty on 120-piece drill and driver bit sets for woodworking

Central Purchasing, LLC., established in 1968, imports from worldwide and does not manufacture any of the above mentioned items in the United States. Furthermore, in our experience and to our knowledge most of the major American branded products in these categories are produced outside of the United States.

If you should have any question relating to the passage of this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your consideration of these bills.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Ben Kirk, Angelo Lobefaro, Marc Friedman