



Roane Imagination Library

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7 March 2008

U.S. International Trade Commission
Washington, D.C.

Re: House Bill -- H.R. 2456

I am writing in support of H.R. 2456, a bill that will remove the tariff on a raw material used by Toho Tenax America, located in Roane Co., TN. The status quo unnecessarily disadvantages Toho with regard to its European and Japanese competitors who do not pay a similar tariff.

Toho has made significant investments in Roane Co. Importantly, it has made significant investments in the *future* of the county. Toho understands the importance of a qualified workforce and has become a top contributor to the Roane Imagination Library.

Roane Imagination Library provides age-appropriate books to pre-school children, a critical time in childhood development. Only by learning to read will children be able to learn by reading. The books are provided through public donations at no cost to the receiving families.

Without Toho's support, the Roane Imagination Library would be struggling financially. Toho is a fine corporate citizen. I support legislation to eliminate the tariff that is unnecessarily restrictive to this company.

Please join me in working to remove this inequity.

Sincerely,

M. Jill McMaster

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President

U.S. International Trade Commission

Washington, D.C.

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The raw material in question is no longer produced in this country -- therefore is not in need of a protective tariff – and since Toho’s competitors in Europe and Japan do not pay import duties on this very same material, the existing tariff puts this US company in a distinct competitive disadvantage.

I am very much in support of the bill that would eliminate this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Allen Neel
President and CEO
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U.S. International Trade Commission

Washington, D.C.

Re: House Bill -- H.R. 2456

On behalf of the Roane County Chamber Education Committee, I am writing this letter in full support of a bill that would remove the tariff on a raw material used by one of our local industries in Roane County, TN – Toho Tenax America. Toho produces carbon fiber at their plant in Rockwood and their owners have invested more than \$37 million in retooling the plant since they purchased it three years ago. Toho is the second largest producer of carbon fiber in the U.S. and has a great potential for growth. In addition they have the reputation of being a good employer, as well as a good corporate citizen.

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America's manufacturers need all the local support government and citizens can give to help keep them competitive in a global market. Therefore, I support House Bill --H.R. 2466 that would eliminate this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Kim B. Harris

Roane County Chamber Education Chairperson



Protean Instrument Corporation

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U.S. International Trade Commission
Washington, D.C.

Re: House Bill – H.R. 2456

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of a bill that would temporarily suspend the tariff on a raw material (certain “acrylic fiber tows”) used by one of our local industries in Roane County, TN – Toho Tenax America. I am supporting this bill only because Congressman Lincoln Davis of Tennessee did not introduce one that would permanently remove the tariff on this certain “acrylic fiber tow”. I support the bill even though I have not a clue as to what “acrylic fiber tow” actually is.

What I do know is that Toho

- produces carbon fiber at their plant in Rockwood, TN,
- has the reputation of being a good employer, as well as a good corporate citizen,
- contributes significantly to our state and local economy,
- has invested more than \$37 million in their plant in the last three years,
- requires this certain “acrylic fiber tow” as a raw material,
- and, is at a market disadvantage because they chose to manufacture their product in the USA.

The raw material in question is no longer produced in this country – if it ever was. There is no need for a protective tariff because there are no U.S. companies to protect and, since Toho’s competitors in Europe and Japan do not pay import duties on this very same material, the existing tariff puts U.S. companies (such as Toho) in a distinct competitive disadvantage.

In 2002 a bill, H.R. 4135, was sponsored by a Wyoming Congresswoman with the same quest as Congressman Davis – suspend the tariff on certain “acrylic fiber tows” and protect U.S. jobs. At stake was a small U.S. company based in Wyoming that faced

unfair foreign competition for the same reason as Toho does now. The tariff in question that is the root cause of this unfair foreign competition should be permanently removed.

Since a permanent solution is not offered, I am very much in support of the bill that would at least temporarily suspend this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Phillip Cole

President
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March 11, 2008

U.S. International Trade Commission

Washington, D.C.

Re: House Bill – H.R. 2456

I am writing in support of this bill that would remove the tariff on a raw material used by one of our local industries in Roane County, Tennessee—Toho Tenax America. Toho produces carbon fiber at their plant in Rockwood and have made a tremendous investment of more than \$37 million in retooling their plant since purchasing it three years ago. Toho is the second largest producer of carbon fiber in the United States and has tremendous potential for growth. They are also a great employer and a good corporate citizen.

The raw material in question is no longer produced in this country – therefore is not in need of a protective tariff—and since Toho's competitors in Europe and Japan do not pay import duties on this very same material, the existing tariff puts this US company at a distinct competitive disadvantage.

I am very much in support of the bill that would eliminate this tariff and would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Jerry Stephens, President

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March 7, 2008

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Washington, D.C.

Re: House Bill -- H.R. 2456


I am writing this letter in support of a bill that would remove the tariff on a raw material, acrylic fiber tow, used by one of our local industries in Roane County, TN – Toho Tenax America. Toho produces carbon fiber at their plant in Rockwood and their owners have invested more than \$37 million in retooling the plant since they purchased it three years ago. Toho is the second largest producer of carbon fiber in the U.S. and has a great potential for growth. In addition they have the reputation of being a good employer, as well as a good corporate citizen.

As a resident of Rockwood, TN, I appreciate the clean, well maintained Toho plant and the jobs it provides in a town with a median family income of approximately \$24,000 per year.

The raw material in question is no longer produced in this country -- therefore is not in need of a protective tariff -- and since Toho's competitors in Europe and Japan do not pay import duties on this very same material, the existing tariff puts this US company in a distinct competitive disadvantage.

I am very much in support of the bill that would eliminate this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,



Dana Peterka
Chapter Chair

Pegasus Technologies, Inc.

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Lenoir City, TN 37771



March 10, 2007

U.S. International Trade Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

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The raw material in question is no longer produced in this country and therefore is not in need of a protective tariff. Since Toho's competitors in Europe and Japan do not pay import duties on this very same material, the existing tariff puts this US company at a distinct competitive disadvantage.

I support the bill referenced above that would eliminate this tariff, and would hope that this bill can be passed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

James W. Pearce
President



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Regards,

Karen Edwards
President



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Ways and Means Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Re: H.R. 2456

Dear Representatives:

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Toho Tenax utilizes Tennessee Technology Center at Harriman to provide quality training for their employees and supports programs that provide educational opportunities for the citizens of our community. Toho has made significant investment in our community and we support their efforts to remain a competitor in the market.

We ask your support for this bill and for the manufacturing sector of our economy.

Sincerely,

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Mark B. Powers

Director

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Toho has made significant investments in Roane Co. Importantly, it has made significant investments in the *future* of the county. Toho understands the importance of a qualified workforce and remains actively engaged within the community as a good corporate citizen.

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Please join me in working to remove this inequity.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Palmer

Jennifer A. Palmer
Economic Development Associate

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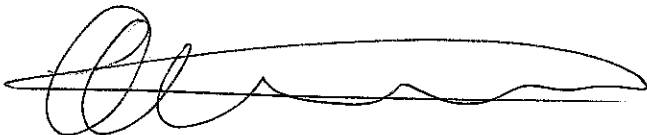
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I am very much in support of the bill that would eliminate this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,



Marc Verbruggen

President

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Ray Cantrell

5th District

Roane County Commissioner

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darryl Meadows". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Darryl Meadows

Rockwood, TN

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W. Troy Beets

Chairman, Roane County Commission



**Office of the County Executive
Roane County Courthouse**

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Mike Farmer
Roane County Mayor

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I am very much in support of the bill that would eliminate this tariff. I would appreciate the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

State Senator Tommy Kilby

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