

**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Senate Committee on Finance

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Re: Comments on S. 1245, to Suspend Temporarily Duty on Phosphoric Acid,  
Lanthanum Salt, Cerium Terbium-Doped

Rhodia Inc. welcomes this opportunity to comment on Senator Cornyn's bill, S. 1245, to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphoric acid, lanthanum salt, cerium terbium-doped. The bill was introduced at the request of Rhodia Inc., the U.S. operations of which are based in Cranbury, New Jersey. The chemical product involved is important to a Rhodia plant in Freeport, Texas.

Rhodia's product is used in the manufacture of energy-efficient light bulbs and backlighting for LCD computer screens and television sets.

Rhodia Inc. strongly supports S. 1245 and urges its incorporation in the miscellaneous tariffs legislation that is being prepared by the Committee.