



August 3, 2006

Ms. Claudia Bridgeford
US Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 2706

Dear Ms. Bridgeford,

Albemarle Corporation is writing today to ask for denial of a duty suspension request for dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS) as described in S. 2706. Albemarle is a manufacturer of specialty chemicals that include brominated flame retardants for computers and televisions as well as bulk ibuprofen. We are headquartered in Richmond, Virginia with facilities in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Pasadena, Texas, Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Dayton, Ohio, Magnolia Arkansas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We have 1300 employees in the US and over \$2.1 billion in sales annually.

One of the products we produce for the plastics industry is dimethyl disulfide, also known as DMDS. This chemical is used as a sulfiding agent used in refineries and chemical plants as a catalyst in the production of products. We manufacture this product in Magnolia, Arkansas where we have 500 employees. Our facility in Magnolia is the largest economic base for that area and its survival is essential to us as well as Arkansas.

Approval of this duty suspension would adversely affect our US market for this very competitive product as well as our US manufacturing facility in Magnolia. We ask for denial of this duty suspension request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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