



August 3, 2006

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

Re: S. 2805

Dear Ms. Bridgeford,

Albemarle Corporation is writing today to ask for denial of a duty suspension request for 2,6 DTBP as described in S. 2805. 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 also in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Pasadena, Texas, Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Dayton, Ohio, Magnolia Arkansas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We have 1300 employees in the US and \$2.5 billion in sales annually.

One of the products we produce for the plastics industry is 2,6-di-tert-butylphenol, also known as 2,6 DTBP. This chemical is used as an antioxidant in lubricants and fuels, as an intermediate for antioxidants used in plastics, and as an intermediate in fragrances and skin care products. We manufacture this product in Orangeburg, South Carolina where we have 500 employees.

Approval of this duty suspension would adversely affect our US market for this very competitive product as well as our US manufacturing facility in Orangeburg. Albemarle operates a production facility in Orangeburg capable of producing tens of thousands of metric tons and could easily supply additional quantities for this US customer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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