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Senate Finance Committee  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

**RE: Opposition to S. 3305 Temporary Tariff Suspension for 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane (HCFC 142b) Senate Finance Committee:**

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) advised Arkema, Inc., on August 25, 2006, of the introduction of S. 3305, which if enacted would temporarily suspend the current duty on imported 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane (HCFC 142b). It is our understanding that this bill would be included in the omnibus Temporary Duty Suspension & Technical Corrections Act of 2006 now under consideration by the United States Senate.

I am writing to express Arkema Inc.'s opposition to the inclusion of S. 3305 in the omnibus Tariff Suspension & Technical Corrections Act of 2006. Arkema is a domestic producer of 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane manufactured at its facility in Calvert City, Kentucky. Enactment of this legislation would negatively affect our competitive position in the US domestic market.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 215.419.7974 (or Arkema's Director of Government Relations – listed below) if you have any further questions or if there is any more information that Arkema can provide. I have included also, in this correspondence, a copy of our letter e-mailed to the USITC in response to their August 25 notice to us. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,

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