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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Attention: "MTB"**

Sent via email to: [mtb2006@finance-rep.senate.gov](mailto:mtb2006@finance-rep.senate.gov)

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re:** Public Comments in Opposition of Legislation to Suspend Temporarily  
the Duty on Modified Steel Leaf Spring Leaves, **S. 3199** and Steel  
Leaf Springs, **S. 3200**

Dear Senators Grassley and Baucus:

I write on behalf of our employees at Dayton Parts in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to express our opposition on two bills currently pending in the Senate Finance Committee which would temporarily suspend the duty on Modified Steel Leaf Spring Leaves, S. 3199 and Steel Leaf Springs, S. 3200. Both bills were introduced on May 25, 2006. These comments have been submitted to the Committee for inclusion in the public record pursuant to the press release issued by the Committee on July 11, 2006 which requested written comments on miscellaneous measures which were introduced in the 109th Congress that may be considered for inclusion in an omnibus miscellaneous tariff bill.

Dayton Parts, LLC is a U.S. producer of leaf spring leaves which are similar to the products included in S. 3199 and S. 3200. These steel spring leaves are used to make components for the construction of truck bodies and Dayton Parts makes these products for an array of U.S. customers.

The temporary suspension of duties on these products would harm our business and others because it would allow competitors to bring in products without a duty. We at Dayton Parts are committed to making a quality product with our skilled workforce and want to carry out these services for our customers.



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It is our understanding that Congress evaluates the merits of these duty suspension bills and also establishes certain factors in order to make a decision to include bills in a final omnibus measure. One of these factors is whether there is domestic production of the product. Another factor is whether there is any opposition to the legislation. As we stated earlier in this letter, Dayton Parts makes a similar product and as a result must oppose these two bills. Therefore we would respectfully request that this legislation not be included in the final Senate omnibus measure. As a part of the record we would also mention that two similar House bills were introduced in the 109th Congress, H.R. 2596 and H.R. 2598 and given the facts of domestic production and opposition were not included in the final House measure, H.R. 4944.

On behalf of all of us at Dayton Parts we thank you for providing us with this opportunity to comment on this important legislation. In the interim, should you or your staff have any questions please contact me at (717) 255-8540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Smalley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Gary Smalley  
President and CEO  
Dayton Parts, LLC