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Mr. Douglas Bell
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff
Committee
Office of the US Trade
Representative
Executive Office of the President

Re: Request for Comments on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Dear Mr. Bell,

On behalf of the Burton Corporation, I am writing to provide comments on the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations.

The Burton Corporation employs approximately 850 employees globally. Our Headquarters is in Burlington, VT and we employ approximately 540 people in the United States and 100 people in our Innsbruck, Austria office. The Burton Corporation is a manufacturer and distributor of snowboards and snowboard merchandise.

Burton Corporation has been producing snowboards in the United States since 1977 and in 1985 we set up a manufacturing facility to produce snowboards in Austria. We continue to make snowboards in Austria and the United States for our global distribution.

Burton is asking that the Office of the US Trade Representatives considers a bi-lateral agreement to eliminate duty on snowboards under sub-heading 9506.11 made in the US and Europe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Missy Forey
Burton Corporation
Director of Global Trade & Import Compliance