



Consumer Federation of America



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Honorable Betty Sutton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned consumer groups, write in support of the introduction of the “Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act.” This bill, which will require foreign manufacturers and producers of certain categories of consumer products to have a U.S. agent for service of process, will help consumers harmed by unsafe products to obtain redress for their injuries from the appropriate entity. The bill is more important than ever given the recent surge of ruined homes filled with defective foreign manufactured drywall, just one of many unsafe products manufactured overseas.

Our groups have long fought for legislation and regulation that will result in safer products on our store shelves, and that will require importers of record to post a bond to ensure accountability for recalls and defective products. In the event that an unsafe product makes it into the marketplace, however, consumers should be able to pursue all remedies for the harm they suffer, whether the manufacturer of the unsafe product is a foreign company or a domestic one. Your legislation will help consumers to pursue remedies against foreign manufacturers and producers of unsafe products.

Sincerely,

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