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Mr. CARPER. My two colleagues from New Jersey are correct in their assessment of the importance of this \$2 million appropriation for smokeless nitrocellulose. Earlier this year, an anti-competitive joint venture, which would have centralized the production of this key ingredient in Defense Department programs, threatened Green Tree. Indeed, had the Federal Trade Commission not found the joint venture to be monopolistic, Green Tree would have been forced to close its New Jersey

plant. The provision was inserted to the conference report to serve the same purpose as an amendment added to the Senate DoD appropriations bill to provide Green Tree with a \$2 million production grant.

By including this vital provision, Congress will ensure the survival of Green Tree and enhance and sustain the competitive domestic production base for smokeless nitrocellulose which plays a key role in many DoD weapons programs.