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Dear Conferees,

Vote YES to retain provisions in the Senate bill that call for a National Freight Plan.

In order to grow our economy, it is essential that we have a national freight plan on how to best move goods throughout our country.

On behalf of the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA), I urge you to vote YES on Representative Hahn's Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348- Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012. Representative Hahn's motion would show the House of Representatives is committed to making goods movement a priority. Passage of this Motion to Instruct would be a signal to all stakeholders -- retailers, road builders, ports, workers, farmers and manufacturers, and the American consumer -- that the final transportation bill should invest in highways, rail, grade crossings, intermodal facilities, and the last mile before our nation's ports.

This country needs a national freight policy that will create jobs and economic growth impacting every state in the union. A comprehensive national freight policy aimed at improving our nation's infrastructure and transportation system will benefit the nearly four million workers in the U.S. apparel and footwear industry, an industry that relies on its ability to transport good efficiently to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

I urge you to vote YES on the Hahn Motion to Instruct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin M. Burke'.

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