



**KEY VOTE YES ON H.R. 6517**  
**OMNIBUS TRADE ACT OF 2010**

December 15, 2010

Dear Representative

On behalf of the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) – the national trade association of the apparel and footwear industries, and their suppliers – I am writing to advise you that we have key voted H.R. 6517 as a **YES VOTE**.

This legislation packages together several important trade provisions, including:

- An 18 month extension of the Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA), which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2010.
- An 18 month extension of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2010.
- An 18 months extension of the key Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) provisions, which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2010.
- Technical fixes to support the wool trust fund, which supports domestic production of tailored clothing and wool textiles.
- A package of pending and vetted miscellaneous tariff bill (MTB) provisions.

In each case, action is urgently needed to prevent expiration of a critically important program or to ensure that companies can quickly avail themselves of cost reduction measures that will enable them to maintain global competitiveness and support U.S. jobs.

We urge you to vote YES on H.R. 6517 so that this legislation may be enacted before the end of this year.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO