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**KEY VOTE "YES" ON
TRADE PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT OF 2015**

May 14, 2015

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the members of the American Apparel & Footwear Association and the four million trade-dependent U.S. workers our industry employs, I am writing to express strong support for swift passage of pending trade preferences legislation (HR 1295, which incorporates S. 1267).

AAFA has key voted Senate approval of this measure as a **YES** vote.

This legislation includes:

- Renewal and update of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program through December 2017. Expiration of this program, through which U.S. companies forge partnerships with companies in the developing world, has cost small businesses roughly \$2 million a day.
- Extension of the Haiti HELP/HOPE program until September 2025. This program, which expires soon, supports an industry that is vital for the economic viability of Haiti.
- Extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) until September 2025. Long-term renewal of AGOA will foster U.S. trade and investment with Africa.
- Important clarifications for outerwear and athletic footwear.

This package is non-controversial and deserves the Senate's immediate approval.

I urge you to vote **YES** to on passage of this important legislation.

Please accept my best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Juanita D. Duggan'.

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