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KEY VOTE "YES" ON BLACKBURN AMENDMENT TO HR 5016 TO PRESERVE EFFECTIVE RECALL PROGRAM

July 16, 2014

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 express strong support for the amendment to H.R. 5016 offered by Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) that would stop the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) from proceeding with a rule that harms the voluntary recall process for consumer products.

AAFA has key voted the Blackburn amendment as a YES vote.

The U.S. apparel and footwear industries are committed to public safety, and have long worked in cooperation with the CPSC on shared goals of risk reduction and hazard avoidance. One element of this partnership is a highly effective program to conduct voluntary recalls that remove non-compliant products from the marketplace and educate consumers.

Unfortunately, the CPSC issued a proposed rule that would do away with this award winning program. The proposed rule would make it more difficult to implement recalls quickly and would turn a cooperative process into a contentious and litigious affair. The Blackburn amendment prohibits the CPSC from using fiscal year 2015 funds to proceed with this damaging rule.

I urge you to vote YES on the Blackburn amendment to preserve an existing and effective product safety recall program.

Please accept my best regards,

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

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