



**KEY VOTE YES ON
American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 (HR 4923)**

April 26, 2016

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA), the national trade association of the apparel and footwear industry, and its suppliers – I am writing to express strong support for the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 (HR 4923).

AAFA has Key Voted House approval of this measure as a **Yes** Vote.

This legislation will create a three-step process to enable timely consideration of measures to temporarily reduce or eliminate tariffs that have unnecessarily eroded the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers, eliminated opportunities for U.S. employers and their workers, and added costs to U.S. consumers.

When fully operational, this process will be critical for U.S. apparel, footwear, and textile manufacturers and importers alike to reduce costs on inputs no longer available in the United States that are used in U.S. manufacturing as well as to reduce the cost of finished footwear and apparel no longer made (or never made) in the United States for American families.

Moreover, the process ensures that Congress retains its **full** authority under Article I Section 8 to review and consider tariff measures while providing a robust process to ensure that any proposals that emerge are fully vetted, and without controversy.

Please cast a vote in favor of U.S. manufacturers, U.S. job creators, U.S. workers, and U.S. consumers.

I urge you to vote **YES** on the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 (HR 4923).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rick Helfenbein'.

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