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Dear Representative:

This week, the House will vote on the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. The members of the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel strongly support H.R. 3688, the legislation to implement the Peru agreement.

USA-ITA members include manufacturers, distributors, retailers, importers and related service providers, and many have developed partnerships with firms in Peru whose future prospects will be enhanced with the implementation of this free trade agreement.

Peru is a valuable source of apparel for the U.S. market, and it is also an important market for U.S. goods, including textile products. The Peru TPA represents an important opportunity to turn a unilateral program into an improved and reciprocal relationship, to the mutual benefit of businesses and workers in both the U.S. and Peru. It also constitutes an important building block toward full regional integration, encouraging investments throughout this hemisphere to build a competitive network to supply markets in each of the participating countries, while simultaneously supporting economic and political stability.

The Peru TPA is not a perfect agreement, but we recognize that compromises are a necessary by-product of the negotiation process. It is clear that the benefits of the agreement are substantial and that it is in the current and long term interests of the United States to expand trade with our partners in this hemisphere.

We strongly urge you to vote YES for H.R. 3688.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura E. Jones', written in a cursive style.

Laura E. Jones
Executive Director