



May 29, 2006

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
509 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
1027 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Blackburn and Schakowsky:

I am writing on behalf of the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) to thank you for introducing legislation that will modernize the Wool Labeling Act. This legislation is needed to protect consumers and industry participants, including members of our association, from the mislabeling of certain suiting fabrics.

As the national trade association representing apparel, footwear, other sewn products companies, and their suppliers, AAFA promotes and seeks to enhance member companies' competitiveness, productivity, and profitability in the global marketplace. AAFA is a strong advocate in the legislative, regulatory, and international trade arenas. AAFA advances the exchange of operational and technological best practices and technological innovations, and seeks to advance a favorable working environment for industry employees.

We appreciate your efforts to modify the Wool Labeling Act, which regulates the labeling of wool products in the United States. This Act has not been amended to reflect the current marketing practice of using "supers" as an identifier of the quality of wool products. Thank you for introducing legislation to modernize the Wool Labeling Act by incorporating the international definition of "supers."

Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can assist you in moving this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Burke
President & CEO