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AAFA Urges David Spooner Confirmation

Applauds Appointment of Scott Quesenberry as Textile Negotiator

November 29, 2005 - ARLINGTON, VA – Today, the **American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)** urged the US Senate to quickly confirm **David Spooner** to be the new Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration and commended **US Trade Representative, Ambassador Rob Portman**, for naming **Scott Quesenberry** to succeed Spooner as Textile Negotiator in the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR).

“David Spooner is a fine public servant and has done an outstanding job as Textile Negotiator,” said **AAFA President & CEO Kevin M. Burke**. “I am hopeful that his confirmation will be completed as soon as possible so we can begin to work with him in his new position.”

Burke said AAFA is delighted with the appointment of Quesenberry to succeed Spooner at USTR. Quesenberry is currently Legislative Director for **Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-NC)**. “We have worked with Scott on a broad range of issues from CAFTA to the Berry Amendment, and we look forward to continuing this effort to secure swift implementation of CAFTA and to knock down tariff and non-tariff barriers facing U.S. branded textile and apparel products worldwide.”

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The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) is the national trade association representing apparel, footwear and other sewn products companies, and their suppliers, including several dozen U.S. textile companies, which compete in the global market. AAFA's mission is to promote and enhance its members' competitiveness, productivity and profitability in the global market by minimizing regulatory, commercial, political, and trade restraints.