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Washington, DC 20515

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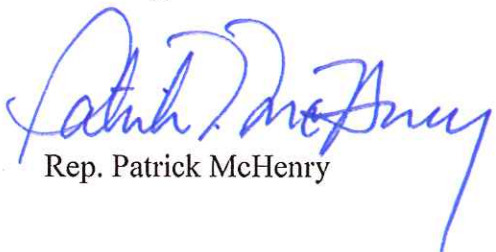
President Barack Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

In anticipation of your meeting with President Truong Tan Sang of Vietnam on Thursday, July 25, 2013, we would like to draw your attention to an issue that is of great concern to 167 Members of Congress. We respectfully request that you fully consider our letter to Ambassador Froman from July 10, 2013, regarding the on-going Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations between the United States and Vietnam as it pertains to a strong yarn forward rule of origin in the textile and apparel sector of the agreement.

The American textile industry remains a dynamic part of our economy, supporting over 500,000 domestic jobs and 1.5 million jobs with our established free trade agreement partners in this hemisphere. Please see the attached letter outlining our position and the full list of supporting members.

Sincerely,




Rep. Patrick McHenry



Rep. Howard Coble



Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr.



Rep. Richard Hudson

cc: Ambassador Michael Froman