



December 8, 2009

The Honorable Max Baucus, Chair
The Honorable Charles Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510
E: mtb2009@finance-dem.senate.gov

RE: ADDENDUM: 2009 MTBs on Apparel, Footwear, Textiles & Related Products

Dear Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) – the national trade association representing the apparel and footwear industries, and their suppliers – I am submitting this addendum to comment on a few additional bills not covered in our previous submission.

Again, AAFA overall supports reduction in duties on products that provide U.S. manufacturers with increased access to foreign inputs no longer available in the United States. Similarly, we support duty reductions that provide U.S. consumers benefits through greater choices and lower prices.

Comments on specific bills listed in the Committee solicitation request follow:

Certain Hydration Systems

S. 2231

S. 2232

S. 2265

S. 2266

S. 2275

AAFA *strongly supports* these bills. AAFA is not aware of any domestic production of these hydration systems.

AAFA thanks you for your consideration of the above mentioned legislation. Please contact Nate Herman of my staff at nherman@apparelandfootwear.org or 703.797.9062 if you have any questions or would like additional information..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin M. Burke'.

Kevin M. Burke
President & CEO