

November 10, 2010

The Honorable Sander Levin
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dave Camp
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Levin, Chairman Baucus, Ranking Member Camp, and Ranking Member Grassley:

As you know, the deadline for the expiration of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) – December 31, 2010 – is rapidly approaching. As you consider the post-election Congressional agenda, we ask that you make the renewal of the GSP program a priority before the end of the year.

The GSP program supports American manufacturing by reducing costs of inputs, machinery and equipment. It also helps struggling American families make ends meet by lowering the costs of consumer goods imported duty free under GSP. Congress cannot afford to let this valuable program expire.

The GSP program enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress. Given the continued uncertainty in the U.S. economy and the desire of Congress to pass legislation that benefits American families, workers, and companies, we urge you to make renewal of the GSP program a priority for early action.

Sincerely,

A Bridge for Africa (San Francisco, CA)

Abilene Machine, Inc. (Abilene, KS)

Aid Through Trade, Inc. (Annapolis, MD)

Aid to Artisans (Hartford, CT)

Albaugh Inc. (Ankeny, IA)

Alstom, Inc. (Windsor, CT)

American Apparel & Footwear Association

American Automotive Policy Council

American Leakless Company, LLC (Athens, AL)

Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, CT)

Anthem Leather, Inc. (High Point, NC)

Arpel Leather (High Point, NC)

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Association of International Automobile Manufacturers

Berger Company (Atchison, KS)

Black Diamond Equipment, Ltd. (Salt Lake City, UT)

Bossard North America (Cedar Falls, IA)

Brazil-U.S. Business Council

Bread for Life (Boulder, CO)

Bridgestone Americas, Inc. (Nashville, TN)

Case New Holland Inc. (Burr Ridge, IL)

Catawba Leather LLC (Hickory, NC)

Caterpillar, Inc. (Peoria, IL)

Coalition for GSP

Con-Tech International (New Orleans, LA)

Couplamatic Systems Inc. (Scottsbluff, NE)

Crate and Barrel (Northbrook, IL)

Creative Women (Burlington, VT)
CVS Caremark, Inc. (Woonsocket, RI)
Dole Packaged Foods, LLC (Westlake Village, CA)
Eaton Corporation (Cleveland, OH)
Edsim Leather Co., Inc. (New York, NY)
Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)
Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
Eucatex of North America, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA)
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. (Newport News, VA)
FMC Corporation (Philadelphia, PA)
For Every Body (Lindon, UT)
Ganesh Himal Trading (Spokane, WA)
General Electric Company (Fairfield, CT)
Global Fair Trade Crafts Inc. (Edgewater, FL)
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Handmade Expressions (Austin, TX)
The Home Depot (Atlanta, GA)
Horizon Plastics Incorporated (Little Ferry, NJ)
ICC Chemical Corporation (New York, NY)
Indo-European Foods (Glendale, CA)
International Moulding (Birmingham, AL)
J.C. Penney Company, Inc. (Plano, TX)
Kewaunee Scientific Corporation (Statesville, NC)

Lucuma Designs (Sarasota, FL)

MacLean Power Systems (Franklin Park, IL)

Maco Int'l Inc. (Sandy, UT)

Mars Inc. (McLean, VA)

Matur Suksema (Bothell, WA)

Metal Exchange Corporation (St. Louis, MO)

Meyer Aluminum Blanks, Inc. (Sheboygan Falls, WI)

Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association

Mullican Flooring (Johnson City, TN)

National Confectioners Association

National Defense Industry Association

National Foreign Trade Council

National Retail Federation

Nature Land International (The Woodlands, TX)

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. (Lakeville-Middleboro, MA)

One Mango Tree (Washington, DC)

Outdoor Industry Association

Panasonic Corporation of North America (Secaucus, NJ)

Patagonia (Ventura, CA)

PB Leiner USA (Davenport, IA)

PBI/Gordon Corporation (Kansas City, MO)

Polymet Alloys, Inc. (Birmingham, AL)

Retail Industry Leaders Association
Rockford Corporation (Tempe, AZ)
Rousselot, Inc. (Mukwonago, WI)
Royal Tropics Inc. (McCall, ID)
S&V Industries (Akron, OH)
SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, NJ)
Stone Forest, Inc. (Santa Fe, NM)
Strasburg-Jarvis Inc. (Lenexa, KS)
Super Film of America, Inc. (Dublin, OH)
Target Corporation (Minneapolis, MN)
Ten Strawberry Street (Denver, CO)
Ten Thousand Villages (Akron, PA)
Tesoros Trading Company (Austin, TX)
Transnational Foods, Inc. (Miami, FL)
Traxys North America LLC (New York, NY)
Tumac Lumber (Portland, OR)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Valveworks USA (Bossier City, LA)
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Bentonville, AR)
World Shoppe LLC (Chicago, IL)
World Finds (Westmont, IL)
Yazaki North America (Canton, MI)