November 14, 2017

The Honorable Orrin Hatch Chairman Committee on Finance U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Brady Chairman Committee on Ways and Means U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Ron Wyden Ranking Member Committee on Finance U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairmen Hatch and Brady and Ranking Members Wyden and Neal:

Unless Congress acts very soon, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program will expire on December 31, 2017. The 351 undersigned companies and trade associations are writing you to alert you to our concern that allowing GSP to expire would have an immediate and negative impact on American employers, who would be forced to pay over \$2 million a day in new taxes. As you consider the legislative agenda for the balance of the year, we urge you to make the renewal of the GSP program a priority before Congress adjourns.

GSP supports American manufacturing by reducing costs of imported inputs, machinery and equipment, and helps American families make ends meet by lowering the costs of consumer goods imported duty free. The GSP program saved American companies nearly \$730 million in import duties in 2016 and is on track to save even more in 2017. When GSP expired from August 2013 to July 2015, U.S. companies paid \$1.3 billion in extra taxes while awaiting congressional reauthorization. Taxes and uncertainty forced companies to lay off workers, freeze new hires, cut wages and benefits, and delay capital investments. Only after GSP was renewed could companies start growing and investing again in their workers and communities. American businesses – particularly small businesses – cannot afford for GSP to expire again.

The GSP program enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress. Nearly 400 Representatives and 97 Senators voted in favor of GSP renewal legislation in 2015, and a bipartisan group of 38 House members recently sent a letter urging renewal. GSP renewal fits squarely on a Congressional agenda to pass tax and trade legislation that benefits American families, workers, and companies. The sooner it happens, the sooner we return our focus to making competitive American products, providing consumers with goods at affordable prices, and growing the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

Associations

American Apparel & Footwear Association American Association of Exporters and Importers

Association of Food Industries Brazil Industries Coalition

California Chamber of Commerce

Coalition for GSP

Coalition of New England Companies for

Trade - CONECT

Consumer Technology Association

Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association

of Northern California

Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America International Wood Products Association

National Association of Chemical Distributors

National Confectioners Association

National Fisheries Institute

National Foreign Trade Council

National Retail Federation

Oriental Rug Importers Association

Outdoor Industry Association

Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and

Freight Forwarders Assn.

PPAI – Promotional Products Association

International

Recreational Vehicle Industry Association

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Sports & Fitness Industry Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Fashion Industry Association

Companies

3V Sigma USA (Georgetown, SC)

A & J Distributors, Inc. (Itasca, IL)

A Simpler Time Inc. (Morrisville, NC)

Aberdeen Road Co. (Emigsville, PA)

ABS - American Building Supply, Inc.

(Rialto, CA)

Acacia Creations (York, PA)

Acme Sponge & Chamois Company Inc.

(Tarpon Springs, FL)

Adrienne Designs (Fountain Valley, CA)

Advanced Tactical Imports (Huntsville, AL)

Aid Through Trade (Annapolis, MD)

Aladdin Gold Creations Inc. (Northbrook, IL)

Alchemix Corporation (College Park, GA)

Altray Company, Inc. (Stamford, CT)

Alum-Tech Corp. (West Melbourne, FL)

American eChem, Inc. (Lufkin, TX)

American Force Wheels, Inc. (Hialeah, FL)

American Metal Fibers, Inc. (Lake Bluff, IL)

American Omni Trading (Houtson, TX)

Ammex Corporation (Kent, WA)

Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, CT)

Ann Inc. (New York, NY)

Ansub, Inc. (Wheaton, IL)

Ari's Wholesale LLC (Santa Fe Springs, CA)

Ashley Pittman Collection (Los Angeles, CA)

Associated Textile Mills, Inc. (Rye Brook, NY)

Atalanta Corporation (Elizabeth, NJ)

B&C Technologies LLC (Panama City Beach, FL)

Babco Foods International LLC

(Piscataway, NJ)

Bakner Manufacturing (Canton, GA)

Barganza, Inc. (Roselle, NJ)

Beachcombers Coastal Life (North Fort

Myers, FL)

Best Deal Imports Inc. (Miami, FL)

Best Flowers (San Bruno, CA)

BHR Associates LLC (Ridgefield, NY)

Bolcof Port Polymers / Calsak Plastics

(Azusa, CA)

Bozel North America LLC (Temperance, MI)

Brilliant Imports LLC (Austin, TX)

Brockway-Smith Company (Wilmington, MA)

BTR International, Inc. (New York, NY)

Burris Company, Inc. (Greeley, CO)

C.A.S. Iberia Inc. (Sale Creek, TN)

Camelbak LLC (Petaluma, CA)

Candy Treasure LLC (Lebanon, NJ)

Canton Chem, Inc. (Clarksville, MD) Carroll Companies, Inc. (Boone, NC) CH Bus Sales (Faribault, MN) Chantal Corp (Houston, TX) Charming Shark (Osprey, FL) Chemrite, Inc. (Buford, GA) CHO America (Baytown, TX) Circa of America, LLC (San Francisco, CA) Claires Stores (Hoffman Estates, IL) Coastal Bronze (Calabasas, CA) COLE-TUVE, Inc. (White Marsh, MD) Colony Brands (Monroe, WI) COMEQ, Inc. (White Marsh, MD) Complete Framer's Supply, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale, FL) Conneaut Leather (Conneaut, OH) Con-Tech International (New Orleans, LA) Continental Foods Inc. (Cerritos, CA) Cosmos Granite (East), LLC (Raleigh, NC) Decotone Surfaces LLC (Garwood, NJ) Deepa Gurnani LLC (New York, NY) Delta Brands Inc. (Larchmont, NY) Deringer-Ney Inc. (Vernon Hills, IL) Dole Packaged Foods, LLC (Westlake Village, CA) Double 7 Products Inc. (Fairfield, CA) DuraBrake Co. (Santa Clara, CA) Dynasty Gold Jewelers, Inc. (Syosset, NY) dZi Handmade (Easthampton, MA) East West Marketing, Inc. (Honolulu, HI) Eco-Brazil Corp. (New York, NY) Electrosteel USA (Birmingham, AL) Engineered Components Company (Elgin, IL) Eppco Enterprises Inc. (Cleveland, OH) Ereztech (Johns Creek, GA) Eucatex North America (Alpharetta, GA) Evco International, Inc. (Manalapan, NJ) Evergreen Plastic Container Inc. (Vancouver, WA) Excell Services LLC (Raleigh, NC)

F2 Industries LLC (Smyrna, TN)

Fab-Line Machinery, LLC (Nashville, TN)

Fair and Square Imports (McKinney, TX)

Fahy Leather (Pacific Palisades, CA)

FAZ Marketing (Austin, TX) Felt Bicycles (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA) Fitec International Inc (Memphis, TN) Foamtec International Co., LLC (Waco, TX) Fremada Gold (New York, NY) French Transit LLC (Burlingame, CA) Fusion Gourmet, Inc. (Rancho Dominguez, CA) Galaxy Sourcing, Inc. (Villa Park, IL) Galaxy Sports, Inc. (South Bend, IN) Gallagher Tire, Inc. (Levittown, PA) Ganesh Himal Trading LLC (Spokane, WA) Gap Inc. (San Francisco, CA) GDLSK LLP (New York, NY) General Carbon Corporation (Paterson, NJ) General Electric (Boston, MA) Georgian American Alloys, Inc. (Miami, FL) Gibson Musical Instruments, Inc. (Nashville, TN) GJ Chemical (Newark, NJ) Global Chemcorp, LLC (Charlotte, NC) Global Digital Instruments LLC (Fairport, NY) Global Fair Trade Crafts Inc. (Edgewater, FL) Global Links Inc. (Fenton, MO) Global Product Solutions, LLC (Canton, CT) Global Traders Inc. (Atlanta, GA) Global Values Inc. (Palatine, IL) Gold Coast Promotions (Las Vegas, NV) Golden Country Oriental Food LLC (Chicago, IL) G-Pac Corporation (Atlanta, GA) Great Giant Foods USA, Inc. (Irvine, CA) GreaterGood (Seattle, WA) Green Boy Group (Redondo Beach, CA) Green Chem Industries (West Palm Beach, FL) Grizzly Industrial Inc. (Bellingham, WA) H.C. Starck Inc. (Newton, MA) Halsted Corporation (Cranbury, NJ) Hardware Renaissance (Santa Fe, NM) HARIBO of America (Rosemont, IL) Henry W. Peabody & Co., Inc. (Lynnfield, MA) Hiblow USA, Inc. (Saline, MI) Hollander Sleep Products (Boca Raton, FL) HSV Automotive Inc. (Spring, TX) Hunter Chemical (Fort Washington, PA)

Hyline International (Valencia, CA) Marta Howell Inc. (Las Vegas, NV) I. Stern & Co. Inc. (Clark, NJ) Matr Boomie (Austin, TX) IMAX Corporation (Tulsa, OK) MC Imports, LLC (Medina, MN) In3gredients, Inc. (Chicago, IL) Megadyne America LLC/Jason Industrial Indevco Plastics Inc. (Longview, TX) (Fairfield, NJ) India Arts, LLC (San Francisco, CA) Mendelson & Associates, Inc. (Los Innovative Insulation, Inc. (Arlington, TX) Angeles, CA) Inplac NA (Charlotte, NC) Merco Tape (Hillburn, NY) International Dunnage (Thunderbolt, GA) Metal Exchange Corporation (St. Louis, MO) International Duru's (Northridge, CA) Metal Marketplace International iTi Tropicals Inc. (Lawrenceville, NJ) (Philadelphia, PA) JAJ Enterprises, LLC (Coburg, OR) Metalco Corp. (New York, NY) Jamtown, LLC (Edmonds, WA) MG Golf (Irving, TX) Jane Diaz/New York, Inc. (New York, NY) Midas Chain Inc. (Bergenfield, NJ) JBH Intertrade (Garden City, NY) Mioro Gold LLC (New York, NY) Montana Fly Company, LLC (Columbia Jelly Belly Candy Company (Fairfield, CA) JSA, Inc. (Aventura, FL) Falls, MT) Jubilant Industries Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA) Mother Rhythm Drums (Bemidji, MN) K.G. International, Inc. (Miami, FL) MS International (Orange, CA) K2 Coolers LLC (New Iberia, LA) Mullican Flooring (Johnson City, TN) Kamali Group Inc. (Great Neck, NY) Musician's Mall (Berkeley, CA) Kanak Exports India, LLC (Fort Wayne, IN) Mutual Wheel Company (Moline, IL) Karran (Vincennes, IN) NAECO, LLC (Peachtree City, GA) Kawasho Foods USA Inc. (New York, NY) NAPA RAYLOC (Atlanta, GA) Neuchem Inc. (Reno, CA) Keihin North America, Inc. (Anderson, IN) Kervan USA LLC (Whitehall, PA) New York Accessory Group, Inc. (New KH International, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) York, NY) Kheops International Inc. (Colebrook, NH) NIKE, Inc. (Beaverton, OR) Kirkland Associates, Ltd. (McMinnville, OR) Nina Designs (Emeryville, CA) Noonday Collection (Austin, TX) Kishek International (Costa Mesa, CA) Kona World (Ferndale, WA) Nourison Industries (Saddle Brook, NJ) KOUBOO LLC (Laguna Beach, CA) Nova Gas Technologies, Inc. (North Labo America Inc. (Fremont, CA) Charleston, SC) Lamex Agrifoods Inc. (Miami, FL) NOVICA (Santa Monica, CA) Lamex Foods Inc. (Bloomington, MN) Novita (Monrovia, CA) Lawrence & Company, Inc. (New Bedford, Old River Road (Chico, CA) MA) OMNOVA Solutions (Beachwood, OH) Lee's Gold Import (Los Angeles, CA) Oppenheimer Chocolates U.S.A. Inc. Leila's Linens, Inc. (New York, NY) (Hillside, NJ) LeNoble Lumber Co., Inc. (Long Island Organik Kimya US, Inc. (Burlington, MA) City, NY) Orleans Packing Company (Hyde Park, MA) Magnus Trade Inc. (Richardson, TX) Oro Central, Inc. (Pasadena, CA) Marine Fasteners (Sanford, FL) Oxan Inc. (Wayne, NJ) Mario Camacho Foods (Plant City, FL) Palmer Candy Co. (Sioux City, IA)

Panasonic Corporation of North America (Newark, NJ)

Paradigm Trends (New York, NY)
PB Leiner USA (Davenport, IA)
Peggy V Designs (Petaluma, CA)
Performance Radiator (Seattle, WA)
Performance Sports Group (Exeter, NH)

Pieces of Bali (Austin, TX)

Pier 1 Imports Inc. (Fort Worth, TX)
Plastic Solutions, Inc. (Newtown, PA)
Polyconcept (New Kensington, PA)
PolySource, LLC (Independence, MO)
Powertex, Inc. (Rouses Point, NY)

Precision Metal Services (Montgomeryville, PA)

Precision Replacement Parts (Weston, WI)
Preferred Brands International (Stamford, CT)

Primetac (Little Ferry, NJ)

Privi Organics USA Corp. (Edison, NJ)

Prochimie International, Inc. (Windsor, CT)

Quality Gold (Fairfield, OH) R.P. Associates (Jefferson, LA) RabLabs (San Francisco, CA)

Raj International Trading (Everett, WA) Real Wood Floors (West Plains, MO) Red Mountain Trading Co (Denver, CO)

Relics, Inc. (Asheville, NC)

Ritika's Global Grains, LLC (Lexington, MA)

Rockford Corporation (Tempe, AZ) Royal Chain Group (New York, NY) Royal Paper Products LLC (Exton, PA)

Royal Tropics, LLC (McCall, ID)

S.N.K. Enterprises, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
Sahadi Fine Foods (Brooklyn, NY)
Salonika Imports (Pittsburgh, PA)
Samick Music Corp. (Gallatin, TN)
Sandler Trade LLC (Washington, DC)

Schreiber Foods International, Inc. (Upper

Saddle River, NJ)
Scrimco Inc. (Fresno, CA)
Service Metal (St. Louis, MO)

Shamrock Manufacturing Co. (Chino, CA) Shipyard Supply, LLC (Metairie, LA)

SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, NJ)

Sintex Minerals and Services, Inc.

(Rosenberg, TX)
SkyRoll (Reston, VA)

Sophia Foods, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY) South Florida Gold (Miami, FL) Sovena USA Inc (Rome, NY)

Spectro Alloys Corporation (Rosemount, MN)

Stackhouse Athletic (Salem, OR) Standard Fiber LLC (Burlingame, CA)

StarUSA (Ashland, OH)

Stewart Floor LLC (Chicago, IL)

Stoeger Industries Inc. (Accokeek, MD) Stone Capitol Group, Inc. (Colleyville, TX)

Stone Gallery LLC (Tampa, FL)

Strategic Sales Partners, LLC (Fort Mill, SC)

Sugarpod Naturals (Hillsboro, OR)
Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc
(Edmonton, KY)

Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc.

(Bowling Green, KY)

Summit Specialty International

(Alpharetta, GA)

Sunflex Packagers, Inc. (Cranford, NJ)
Sunrise Commodities (Englewood Cliffs, NJ)
Sunrise Mfg Inc. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Surya (White, GA)

Target Corporation (Minneapolis, MN) Ten Strawberry Street (Denver, CO)

Tenneco Inc. (Lake Forest, IL)

Test Rite Products, Corp. (Ontario, CA)
The Cannon Group Inc. (Westerville, OH)
The Dow Chemical Company (Midland, MI)

The Home Depot (Atlanta, GA)

The Madden Corporation (Waipahu, HI) The Topps Company (New York, NY) The Whistler Group, Inc. (Bentonville, AR) Thompson Traders, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)

TopFlite Manufacturing (Miami, FL)
Torter Corporation (Montville, NJ)

Toto USA (morrow, GA)

Touchstone Crystal (Cranston, RI)

Tradewinds Imports Inc. (Burlington, VT)

Transnational Foods (Miami, FL)

Traxys North America LLC (New York, NY)

Triad Magnetics (Perris, CA) TRI-K Industries Inc. (Denville, NJ) Trimaco, LLC (Morrisville, NC) Trinidad Benham Corp. (Denver, CO) TRInternational, Inc. (Seattle, WA) Triumph Motorcycles America (Atlanta, GA) Tumi Holdings, Inc. (South Plainfield, NJ) Tyoga Container Company (Tioga, PA) U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc. (Aliquippa, PA) Universal Arquati Moulding (Santa Clarita, CA) US Asian Marketing and Manufacturing Inc. (Prescott Valley, AZ) Vail International Corporation (New York, NY) Varaluz LLC (Las Vegas, NV) Venture Lighting International, Inc. (Twinsburg, OH) VF Corporation (Greensboro, NC) Village Originals (Orlando, FL) Vispak, LLC (Golden Valley, MN) Vogt Power, International, Inc. (Louisville, KY) Vortex Optics (Middleton, WI)

Vtronix LLC (Weston, FL)

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Bentonville, AR) Wearwell, Inc. (Smyrna, TN) Weber Memorials (Saint Cloud, MN) WEG Electric Corp. (Duluth, GA) West Coast Trading (Hayward, CA) World and Main, LLC (Cranbury, NJ) Western Plastics, Inc. (Calhoun, GA) Wholesale Hose & Supply (Metairie, LA) Willert Home Products, Inc. (St. Louis, MO) World Confections, Inc. (South Orange, NJ) World Finer Foods (Bloomfield, NJ) WorldFinds (Westmont, IL) Xena International Inc. (St. Charles, IL) Xpres LLC (Winston-Salem, NC) Yamaha Corporation of America (Buena Park, CA) YETI Coolers LLC (Austin, TX) YGI Group (New York, NY) Yokohama Corporation of North America (Santa Ana, CA) Zebra Pen Corp. (Edison, NJ) Zhong Ya Chemical (USA) Ltd. (Edison, NJ)