

# American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition

## ACTION ALERT

### **Monitoring textile and apparel imports from China for illegal dumping practices**

July 16, 2008

The U.S. House of Representatives' Textile Caucus Chairmen John Spratt (D-SC) and Howard Coble (R-NC) are organizing a letter to be signed by fellow House members ([see the attached Congressional 'Dear Colleague'](#)) and then sent on to President Bush urging him to direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to expand its current program that monitors the prices of selected categories of U.S. apparel imports from Vietnam for illegal dumping to U.S. textile and apparel imports from China. A copy of the Textile Caucus letter being circulated is attached.

**AMTAC urges you to contact any Members of Congress in whose district(s) your company has facilities and urge them to sign the letter. We have provided a draft letter that you may modify and fax and/or e-mail to them.** The textile industry also is sending a joint letter to the Hill in support of the Spratt/Coble letter. That letter is attached for your reference as well.

As Congressmen Coble and Spratt would like to send the letter to the President prior to the traditional congressional recess in August, the deadline to sign the letter is Thursday, July 31 .

Please send copies of your letters to your congressmen to AMTAC via e-mail at [lwood@amtacdc.org](mailto:lwood@amtacdc.org) or via fax at (202) 452-0739. This will enable AMTAC's staff to follow up your contact with a direct lobbying contact in person or by telephone.