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The Honorable David Johanson
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Johanson:

Following the termination of import restrictions under the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and in preparation for the expiration of the subsequent Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Trade in Textile and Apparel Products between the U.S. and China that expired on December 31, 2008, the Committee requested, in a letter dated October 9, 2008 and pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, that the Commission institute an investigation to provide the Committee with statistical reports on the volume, value, unit value, and import market share of certain textile and apparel imports from China. The Committee asked that the Commission provide preliminary Customs data and updated final Census data once every two weeks, and that the Commission post these data on its website. The Committee also asked that the Commission publish annual reports containing a compilation of the data in the statistical reports.

The Committee continues to value these reports. Based on the data that the Commission has supplied to the Committee, it seems clear that the value and market share of textiles imports from China have stabilized since 2011. In light of this stabilization, I would like to modify the Committee's request. I now request that the Commission's statistical reports no longer include the preliminary Customs data and provide only the updated final Census data. The Commission should provide these reports on a quarterly basis and should post them on the Commission's website. The Commission may discontinue publication of the annual reports because the data in these reports are already included in the statistical reports.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Neal
Chairman