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Mr. R. Matthew Priest, Chairman  
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements  
Room 3100  
Department of Commerce  
14<sup>th</sup> St and Constitution, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

**RE: Modification of NAFTA Rules of Origin for Warp Pile Fabric of Solution Dyed, Wet Spun Acrylic Fiber**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

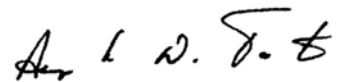
This letter is submitted in response to the Request for Public Comments concerning a request for modification of the NAFTA rules of origin for warp pile fabric made from solution dyed, wet spun acrylic fiber published at 73 FR 4542 on January 25, 2008. The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) supports the request filed by Glen Raven Inc.

As cited in the request letter, it is also our understanding that there is no production of solution dyed acrylic fiber in the NAFTA region. We have heard from our members on numerous occasions about concerns with the lack of domestic availability of acrylic fiber. Some companies have been forced to curtail or eliminate product lines due to acrylic shortages.

The requested change to the NAFTA rules of origin to allow the use of non-North American acrylic fiber would help remedy the situation and improve the competitiveness of U.S. fabric manufacturers.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, AMTAC