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**Statement on Behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute Regarding H.R. 4449**

The American Textile Manufacturers Institute (ATMI) would like to register its views regarding H.R. 4449. ATMI is the national trade association for the domestic textile industry, which employs approximately 435,000 workers nationwide.

ATMI supports congressional passage of H.R. 4449, a bill to temporarily suspend the duty on combed cashmere and camel hair yarn. Duty-free treatment for such products would benefit U.S. textile manufacturers who make cashmere and camel hair fabric. Further, we are unaware of any domestic sources that can supply such yarns in the quality and quantities needed by U.S. manufacturers.

Therefore, we urge that this legislation be enacted.

If you have any questions, please call Charles Bremer, ATMI's Vice President of International Trade, at (202) 862-0500.

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