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Mr. James Leonard, Chairman  
Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements  
U.S. Department of Commerce – Room H310  
14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution, NW  
Washington DC 20230

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the National Textile Association petition that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) impose a textile safeguard action under the procedures set forth in Federal Register notice 03-12893 as provided for in the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to imports of products that have been integrated under category 350/650, dressing gowns.

The member companies of the trade associations making this request represent over two-thirds of domestic textile production and produce component that go into the product in question.

As the attached category specific information sheet will show, imports from China of these products have clearly “threatened to impede the orderly development of trade” and caused market disruption in the U.S. market.

As a result, the U.S. textile industry, which depends heavily on production sharing arrangements with Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, in addition to domestic purchasers, has seen its production of components for the product in question drop substantially because of the Chinese surge. In addition, Chinese prices, which fell 43% in 2002, have put severe downward pricing pressure on U.S. and foreign suppliers, eroding profitability and the ability of other suppliers to compete.