

September 17, 2020

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Ranking Member  
House Ways and Means Committee

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Chairmen Neal and Grassley and Ranking Members Brady and Wyden:

On behalf of the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO), I write to affirm our strong support for congressional efforts to address China's use of forced labor as part of a broad pattern of unfair trade practices that disregard human rights and harm U.S. manufacturers and consumers.

As included in [testimony](#) I presented to the House Ways and Means Committee on July 23, 2020, China holds the dubious distinction of being the world's leading purveyor of illegal trade practices that are designed to unfairly bolster a blatantly export-oriented economy. The U.S. textile industry has been a longstanding victim of China's predatory export practices.

As a result, U.S. companies do not operate on a level playing field and cannot compete with China's heavily government subsidized apparel and PPE supply chains and its undervalued labor—which is inescapably linked to human rights abuses, including atrocities perpetrated against the country's Uyghur Muslim population. These abuses are well-documented,<sup>1</sup> having spurred both congressional action and several withhold release orders issued earlier this week and in recent months by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Certain Chinese apparel exporters have clearly profited from the abuse and exploitation of this minority population, and we fully support continued congressional scrutiny intended to end this abhorrent treatment of China's repressed minorities.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Glas  
President & CEO  
NCTO

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<sup>1</sup> "Global Supply Chains, Forced Labor, and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region," [Staff Report](#), March 2020, Congressional-Executive Commission on China