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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Pearson:

Section 1634(b) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 104 of the Dominican Republic – Central America – United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the Act), to proclaim such modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States as are necessary to implement amendments to the Dominican Republic – Central America – United States Free Trade Agreement (the Agreement), the terms of which are set forth in letters of understanding between the United States and the Dominican Republic or the United States and Costa Rica relating to the rule of origin for apparel containing pocket bag fabric under the Agreement. One of the requirements set out in section 104 of the Act is that the President obtain advice regarding the proposed action from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

This letter supersedes my January 22 request for the Commission's advice on our letters of understanding with Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. I request that the Commission suspend delivery of this advice until further notice.

The Commission's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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