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The Honorable Susan C. Schwab  
U.S. Trade Representative  
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Dear Ambassador Schwab:

Congratulations again on your recent confirmation as U.S. Trade Representative.

Today, I am writing to express strong support for the recently concluded bilateral agreement the United States negotiated with Vietnam concerning that country's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

By paving the way for Vietnam's accession to the WTO, the agreement will finally lead to the integration of Vietnam in the international rules based trading system. This is important to ensure fair access for U.S. made and branded products in Vietnam and for Vietnam's exports to the United States.

We are particularly pleased to note that accession will result in the elimination of quotas that the United States currently imposes on U.S. apparel and textile imports from Vietnam. Moreover, the agreement will lead to the immediate elimination of export subsidies that Vietnam provided to its apparel and textile industries that are incompatible with WTO membership.

Let me congratulate you, Ambassador Bhatia, Dorothy Dwoskin and the staff at USTR for your countless hours and tireless effort to secure an outstanding deal for U.S. businesses and consumers.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Burke  
President and CEO