



June 26, 2007

The Hon. Charles Rangel
House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, D.C. 20515

By Fax
RE: ATPA Extension (HR 1830)

Dear Chairman Rangel:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Consumers for World Trade (CWT) and our members, I would like to express our strong support for HR 1830, a bill that would offer a two year extension of the Andean Trade Preferences Agreement (ATPA).

CWT is a national, non-profit, non-partisan organization, established in 1978 to promote consumer interests in international trade and to raise public awareness of the benefits of an open, multilateral trading system. CWT is the only consumer group in America whose sole mission is to educate, advocate and mobilize consumers to support liberal trade policies.

Congress should renew this trade agreement for several reasons:

- First, a two year extension on preferential treatment on products included in the ATPA may offer consumers in the U.S. a wide variety of products at competitive prices. In fact, many of these consumer products eligible for trade preferences are purchased by the neediest of Americans. Without these trade preferences, these hard working Americans would not be able to enjoy product choices at affordable prices.
- Second, extending ATPA may demonstrate to our trading partners that the U.S. is serious about lowering barriers to trade in the multilateral *Doha Round* of trade talks currently being conducted by the World Trade Organization.

We urge all members of the Committee to support the renewal of the ATPA in the interest of the American consumer and urge its prompt approval by the Congress.

Yours truly,

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