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AFTI Calls on Congressional Trade Leaders to Reauthorize the Generalized System of Preferences Without Delay

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 2, 2018 – The Alliance for Fair Trade with India (AFTI) released the following statement on reauthorization of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which expired on December 31, 2017:

“AFTI and its members support the renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). The program is an important trade tool that supports a stronger economic relationship between the U.S. and India based on specific eligibility criteria. The GSP program provides the U.S. government an opportunity to engage with its Indian counterparts on economic priorities, including market access and intellectual property issues in India.

In October, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced an important new review process to ensure GSP beneficiary countries are meeting the eligibility criteria, beginning with India and other beneficiaries in Asia. This move reflects a greater awareness of the importance of the GSP program for U.S.-India ties and will help ensure that those benefits reflect equitable and reasonable market access in India for U.S. businesses. Congress needs to renew GSP for that review to continue in 2018.

AFTI and its members urge Congress to act quickly to renew the GSP program and retain a critical tool to promote a stronger, fairer U.S.-India economic relationship.”

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