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## **Senators Hagan and Graham Introduce Textile Enforcement and Security Act of 2010**

*Senator Kay Hagan and Senator Lindsey Graham introduce the  
Senate companion version of Textile Enforcement and Security Act of 2010*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) applauded Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) for their introduction of S.3741, the Textile Enforcement and Security Act of 2010, in the U.S. Senate yesterday.

“It is pivotal that the rules and obligations governing the trading system are enforced and we thank Senator Hagan and Senator Graham for their leadership on this critical issue. The enactment of this legislation will send a clear message--that the U.S. government will not allow fraudulent activity on imported textile and apparel goods to continue to occur, particularly when it comes at the expense of U.S. workers and businesses,” said David Hastings, Chairman of NCTO.

The Textile Enforcement and Security Act of 2010 legislation provides U.S. Customs and Border Protection with expanded authority, increased resources, and enhanced tools to better facilitate the trade among legal players while more effectively targeting the bad players in the system.

“For years our industry has been plagued by high levels of fraudulent as well as undervalued goods coming into the U.S. market and has led to the loss of thousands of U.S. textile and apparel workers and the shuttering of textile mills across the country. This legislation provides our companies and our workers with a fair and balanced playing field that is necessary in order to compete in the global marketplace,” said Hastings.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection currently collects more than \$25 billion in duties annually; with 42% of those duties, nearly \$11 billion, collected on imports of textile and apparel. As a result, the U.S. Customs continues to designate the industry as a Priority Trade Issue for the department.

The House version, H.R. 5393, was introduced in May 2010 by Congressmen Kissell (D-NC), Jones (R-NC), Spratt (D-SC), and Coble (R-NC) and currently has 25 co-sponsors.

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