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**AFTI Applauds Congress and the President for Including GSP in
Omnibus Spending Bill**

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 23, 2018 – The Alliance for Fair Trade with India (AFTI) has released the following statement commanding Congress and the President for renewing the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

“AFTI and its members thank Congress and the President for renewing GSP this week. This action highlights the importance of the U.S.-India economic relationship, given that India is the largest recipient of GSP benefits. Congress and the White House are empowering their India trade team to assess India’s compliance with the GSP Program and make real, tangible progress on the many challenging issues U.S. companies face in India.

“GSP renewal will help empower the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and other U.S. negotiators as they sit down with India’s representatives at upcoming commercial discussions. GSP supports USTR efforts on pending petitions brought by industries that face challenging market conditions and trade barriers.

“AFTI and its members support and commend USTR efforts to engage and address the issues at hand and also calls on India to step up and act to address the issues as well.”

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The Alliance for Fair Trade with India (AFTI) is committed to supporting U.S. businesses facing longstanding trade and investment barriers in India. For more information, go to AFTIndia.org.