



Alliance for Fair Trade with India

November 19, 2013

The Honorable Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
439 Cannon HOB
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bonamici:

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1111 Longworth HOB
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