

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the National Council of Textile Organizations representing America's textile manufacturers and our 471,000 U.S. workers, I write to express our strong opposition to H.R. 7224, the Secure Revenue Clearance Channel Act, and urge you to block congressional action on this incredibly harmful measure which would reopen the de minimis trade exemption.

Last year through bipartisan action, Congress voted overwhelmingly to end de minimis after identifying the substantial harms it perpetrated. The House China Select Committee determined in 2023 that Chinese e-commerce platforms were flooding the U.S. with billions of dollars' worth of goods but had paid \$0 in import duties, while American companies comparatively spent millions. Additionally, these platforms were found lacking in due diligence mechanisms to verify that products were not tainted by forced labor in China.¹ Congress rightly ended the de minimis provision by statute beginning on July 1, 2027.

The administration also identified abuse of the de minimis trade loophole as a critical threat to U.S. manufacturers, federal drug interdiction efforts, consumer health and safety, combatting China's slave labor practices, U.S. customs revenue, and the integrity of our trade and consumer laws. The administration closed this loophole through executive action for Chinese goods last May, and for the remainder of the world in August.² As a result, the volume of small value package deliveries has dramatically decreased, duty collections are up, and American consumers and workers are better off.

Despite clear action and unanimity from Congress and the White House on the negative impact of express shipment programs for "small value" packages at U.S. ports, some still want to provide duty relief to foreign importers while requiring less information on packages valued at up to \$600 — making enforcement impossible and rewarding offshore producers. De minimis was labeled "China's backdoor to the U.S.," facilitated by an environment where goods were cleared on manifest, packages were not properly inspected or levied duties, and the risk posed was extremely high. The Secure Revenue Clearance Channel Act would recreate many of these same problems, with China being the biggest winner.

¹ <https://chinaselectcommittee.house.gov/media/press-releases/select-committee-releases-interim-findings-shein-temu-forced-labor>.

² See E.O. 14256 and E.O. 14324.

We applaud Congress's great work last year ending the de minimis loophole once and for all. Today we urge you to reject this harmful attempt to return to the status quo of just a few short months ago, when importers could ship fentanyl and products made with slave labor to U.S. consumers with a duty break, facing no oversight and no repercussions. Our industry stands ready to work with you to fight this and other proposals that undermine our trade laws, public health and safety, and American manufacturing jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Glas".

Kim Glas
President and CEO
National Council of Textile Organizations

Cc: W&M Chairman Jason Smith, W&M Ranking Member Richie Neal