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**To:** USOGE  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to stress the importance of keeping our federal government employees at our trade shows. I currently work on five textile-related trade shows a year in New York City which would be negatively affected by the absence of federal government employees.

Since the launch of Texworld USA in 2006, a variety of federal government employees have attended our events in order to do research, explain the position of a particular administration and create awareness for government initiatives.

Examples of federal government employees that we have welcomed to our shows include:

-Representatives from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, who have attended in order to review the show and answer questions from exhibitors regarding import/export practices and restrictions relevant to their goods.

-Representatives from the Federal Bureau of Prisons and UNICOR Federal Prison Industries, Inc.. UNICOR manufactures Made in America clothing and home textiles products relevant to our Texworld USA (apparel fabrics), International Apparel Sourcing Show and Home Textiles Sourcing Expo events:

[http://www.unicor.gov/clothing\\_textiles/](http://www.unicor.gov/clothing_textiles/)

Attending these shows facilitates the promotion of UNICOR's services as well as ongoing education/research regarding technological advances and product development, ultimately helping to foster the rehabilitation of inmates confined within the Federal Bureau of Prisons through the development of employable skill sets.

Finally, Ms. Gail Strickler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Textiles, has become a fixture at our trade shows and an important resource for our community year-round. American fiber, yarn, apparel and home textile manufacturers/marketers appreciate Ms. Strickler's consistent attendance and the ability to speak with her about our industry. Recently, her participation in apparel trade shows has enabled her to raise awareness for the "Plus 1 for Haiti" initiative. In July 2010, she supported an on-site reception at Texworld USA, hosted by the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, where she spoke with apparel and home textiles professionals and media about the positive role that the textiles industry can play with Pakistani youth looking for a career path in these turbulent times.

Federal government employees must keep attending our trade shows in order to ensure that these valuable exchanges continue.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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