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Ambassador Katherine Tai
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

**RE: Request to Appear at Hearing: 2024 AGOA Eligibility Review [General
Comments and Ethiopia] (Docket No. USTR-2023-0003)**

Dear Ambassador Tai:

On behalf of the U.S. Fashion Industry Association (“USFIA”), and pursuant to the scheduling notice published by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in the *Federal Register*¹, I am writing to request that the following witness be permitted to appear at USTR’s July 24, 2023 hearing in the above-cited matter:

Julia Hughes
President
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USFIA (www.usfashionindustry.com) represents our nation’s most iconic fashion brands. At USTR’s hearing, Ms. Hughes would testify regarding the importance of AGOA to American apparel producers and retailers and would comment on AGOA eligibility with respect to Ethiopia, in particular.

¹ Annual Review of Country Eligibility for Benefits Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act for Calendar Year 2024, 88 Fed. Reg. 31,579 (May 17, 2023).

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USFIA appreciates the opportunity to testify at USTR's AGOA eligibility review hearing. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. M. Spooner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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