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Press Release

The Association of Haitian Industries (ADIH) welcomes and congratulates the U.S. House of Representatives on the vote to renew the U.S. Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA). This law is fundamental to job creation and the post-Covid-19 recovery of the textile sector in Haiti.

On September 22, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to renew the CBTPA. The vote followed two years of advocacy by ADIH and its partners and a hearing on September 10, 2020 before the House Committee on Ways and Means chaired by the Honourable Earl Blumenauer (OR-D) and attended by Ranking Member the Honourable Vern Buchanan (FL-R). ADIH thanked the House of Representatives for the renewal of the law and extended its gratitude to the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), the Bank of the Republic of Haiti, the Haitian Embassy in Washington, the Investment Facilitation Center (IFC), its members, businesses and professionals for their support and guidance during this process. ADIH wants to express its deep appreciation to the sponsors of the CBTPA renewal legislation, Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-AL) and Congressman Brad Wenstrup (R-OH).

In fact, the CBTPA is a win-win opportunity that allows Caribbean manufacturers to use inputs from the U.S. cotton yarn and fabric industry to access U.S. market duty-free. It is one of the cornerstones of the partnership that has been built over 20 years between the U.S. textile sector and the countries of the Caribbean region.

Established in 2000 the CBTPA was renewed for the first time in 2010. Thanks to this law and the Hope/Help law, today the textile sector provides 31% of the formal jobs in the Haitian economy and represents 90% of its exports. ADIH will continue to work with its partners so that its members can benefit from technical assistance to improve compliance standards and ensure the continued progress of the industry.

ADIH has long been committed to the development of the sector in Haiti and will continue to advocate for the renewal of the CBTPA in the U.S. Senate. ADIH is counting on the bipartisan support of the U.S. Senate to also approve the renewal of CBTPA this month. The vote of CBTPA will reassure, on the one hand, investors, and buyers of textile products from Haiti and on the other hand will support the recovery of the textile sector after the contraction caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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