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Every working day, the federal government reviews, considers, and finalizes policy determinations that impact the viability of the United States textile industry. The ongoing nature of critical policy deliberations in Washington, DC, requires that the U.S. textile sector directly and effectively engage in the policy arena. Failure to do so would undoubtedly result in adverse decisions that would severely undermine U.S. textile employment, production, and investment.

This direct engagement in our nation’s capital is the exact role that the National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) fills on behalf of the U.S. textile industry. NCTO’s mission is to influence federal policies, programs, and regulations in a manner that advances the interests of the U.S. textile sector.

As a national trade association, NCTO represents the entire spectrum of the domestic textile manufacturing sector, from fiber and yarn to fabric and finishing — and everything in-between. We promote a united front that communicates the industry’s needs and interests to lawmakers in Congress and officials in key executive branch agencies. NCTO fights to ensure that the U.S. textile industry has a strong voice in Washington on issues vital to our industry, including international trade agreements, tariff policies, military and government-wide procurement, regulatory matters, export financing, and customs enforcement.

NCTO also works closely with other like-minded manufacturing entities to create powerful coalitions that frequently cross industries and national borders. Our alliances have fostered international coalitions in the Western Hemisphere, Africa, Europe, and other regions strategic to U.S. textile supply chains.

All of these efforts are designed to bring a clear, strong, and effective voice of support for U.S. textile manufacturers in the national policy arena. By becoming a member of NCTO, you will join a large and growing network of world-class U.S. manufacturers who are informed, engaged, and shaping the debate rather than merely reacting to it.

I invite you to join us. Together, a united U.S. textile industry can be a powerful force in Washington to enhance the employment, production, and overall critical contribution that our industry makes to the national economy.

Sincerely,

Kim Glas
President & CEO
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MISSION & GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The National Council of Textile Organization exists to influence federal policies, programs, and regulations in a manner that advances the interests of the U.S. textile sector. We foster policy and regulatory determinations that recognize the tremendous value the U.S. textile sector brings to the national economy through employment, production, and investment.

As the voice of the U.S. textile industry, NCTO represents the entire spectrum of textile production—from fibers to yarns, fabrics and finished products, including those entities that support textile production such as machinery manufacturers and power suppliers.

To provide each segment of the industry a direct role in determining NCTO policy, NCTO is governed by five separate councils: Fiber, Yarn, Fabric & Home Furnishings, Finished Textiles & Apparel, and Industry Support.

NCTO’s Board of Directors harmonizes policy recommendations from the various sector councils to ensure that NCTO policy determinations are fully carried out. The organization is staffed by seven professionals with wide-ranging expertise and responsibilities including government relations, media and educational outreach, industry statistical analysis, government procurement, and regulatory affairs.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, NCTO drives a focused agenda of support for the U.S. textile industry in the halls of our nation’s capital.
BENEFITS OF JOINING

JOIN NCTO TO:

- Impact Issues that Affect Your Company
- Learn About & Get Involved in Critical Policy Developments
- Gain Political Clout & Expertise in Washington
- Remain Up-to-Date on Government & Industry News
- Network with Industry Peers
- Access Industry Publications, Data & Conferences
With over 100 years of federal government relations and industry experience, NCTO:

- Provides focused representation in both the congressional and the executive branches of our government.
- Interacts with critical federal agencies, such as the U.S. Trade Representative’s (USTR) office, the U.S. Commerce Department, and the U.S. Department of Defense on key policy and procurement matters.
- Has developed a broad base of congressional relationships to ensure effective input on legislative issues impacting the industry.
- Provides specific information to U.S. trade negotiators on industry interests and clear advice on government negotiating positions.
- Testifies before congressional committees and federal agencies on issues that affect the industry.
- Maintains the only U.S. textile industry-specific Political Action Committee to build relationships with new and returning members of Congress.
- Works with government negotiators and foreign counterparts on international issues relating to the World Trade Organization and global trade.
- Works closely with both U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Congress to develop and promote programs, policies, and legislation that aim to strengthen textile customs enforcement.
- Actively participates in the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Textiles and Apparel (ITAC 13), a key federal advisory committee that receives classified briefings.
NCTO’s Strengths

Education

NCTO diligently educates and updates members on critical policy developments and empowers them to make informed business decisions. To keep members informed, NCTO provides the following resources:

- NCTO News, a quarterly newsletter providing updates on key issues
- Action Alerts from NCTO officers and staff on breaking legislative, regulatory, and textile-specific information
- Textiles in the News, a weekly digest of key stories in the textile industry

Industry Experts

The NCTO staff gives you direct access to:

- Lobbyists
- Trade Data
- Researchers
- PR Professionals
- Analysis Experts

Networking

Interact with other NCTO member companies at the NCTO Annual Meeting in Washington, various seminars, and committee meetings.

“The Hill to the Mill” program invites Washington policy makers and key government officials to visit U.S. textile facilities to learn firsthand about the modern, technology-driven nature of the textile sector and to build political relationships with NCTO member companies.

NCTO’s member and product directories connect members with possible customers and business partners.
NCTO’S STRENGTHS

MEDIA RELATIONS

• NCTO fosters consistent interaction with national, local, and trade media.
• NCTO’s social media platforms, website, and publications highlight member news and achievements.

INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS

DOMESTIC

• Georgia Association of Manufacturers (GAM)
• South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA)
• Southern Textile Association (STA)

INTERNATIONAL

• Central American Textile & Apparel Association (CECATEC)
• The Mexican Textile Association (CANAINTEX)
• The Mexican Apparel Association (CANAIVE)
• European Textile Association (Eurocoton)

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

• American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC)
• Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA)
• American Flock Association (AFA)

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• Synthetic Yarns & Fabric Association (SYFA)
• United States Industrial Fabrics Institute (USIFI)

• European Apparel and Textile Confederation (EURATEX)
• The African Textile and Apparel Federation (ACTIF)
• Comité International de la Rayonne et des Fibres Synthétiques (CIRFS)

• American Sheep Industry Association
• PCI Wood Mackenzie
• (TC)2
• The Manufacturing Solutions Center
BECOME A MEMBER

We are pleased to submit our application for membership in NCTO!

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Date

We are pleased to submit our application for membership in NCTO!

Company Name

Address

City       State      Zip Code

Telephone       E-mail

Authorizing Executive

Title

Signature

Main Contact (If Different)

Name

Title

Telephone       E-mail

Membership Category

_____ Fiber Council   _____ Yarn Council   _____ Fabric & Home Products Council
_____ Finished Textile & Apparel Council   _____ Industry Support Council   _____ Affiliate Membership

Explanation of Dues: Dues are calculated on all net sales of textile product manufactured in the U.S. assessed at the rate of $.00033-$0.00038, depending on company sales. This is to include all internal company transfers of U.S. manufactured textile product to facilities domestic and offshore. Manufacturing member companies are subject to $10,000 minimum and $250,000 maximum dues. Industry Support members are assessed a flat rate of $6,500 per year.

Note: NCTO is a 501(c)6 constituting 100% of your membership dues may be deductible as a business expense and not as a charitable contribution. Further information on this law should be obtained from your tax adviser.

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Become aware, educated, and engaged.

As an active member of NCTO you can shape industry policy that directly affects your business’ bottom line.