

**AMERICA
A FIGHTING CHANCE
STOP UNFAIR IMPORTS.**

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Office of Technology
Assessment Report:

**TEXTILE DECLINE RIPPLES
THROUGH SERVICE INDUSTRIES**

SERVICE SECTOR BUSINESSES HOBBLLED BY TEXTILE INDUSTRY DECLINE.

As the textile and apparel industry continues to falter, due largely to foreign imports, industries in the "service" sector are also hurt, according to a special report* by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). A majority of the value added by goods manufactured by the textile and apparel industry is "distributed quite broadly throughout the U.S. economy," according to the study.

FINANCE, INSURANCE INDUSTRIES HURT.

Of the jobs created by a productive textile and apparel industry, approximately 40 percent are outside the industry. The Report states that "those industries create jobs in enterprises supplying production equipment, mostly in medium and high-wage industries and transportation." The OTA report also says that "transactional" industries harmed by the beleaguered textile and apparel industry include finance, insurance and related business services.

"DRAMATIC EFFECTS ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES."

"Failure on the part of textile and apparel enterprises can have dramatic effects on the local communities where they operate, especially in the many small towns of the southeastern United States where a textile plant represents the main source of industrial employment," said the OTA report.

H.R. 1154/S. 549: LEGISLATION THAT WILL HALT THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF DECLINING INDUSTRIES.

The Textile and Apparel Trade Act of 1987 (H.R. 1154/S. 549) will help slow the ripple effect of an import-injured textile and apparel industry. The bill calls for a GATT-compatible, global quota system that eliminates discrimination against specific nations or regions; and it calls for imports to remain at their record-shattering 1986 levels, with a one percent annual increase -- the projected long-term growth rate of the U.S. market.

* U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, The U.S. Textile and Apparel Industry: A Revolution in Progress - Special Report, OYA-TET 332 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, April 1987).