

AAFA Statement in Response to BHRRRC Inquiry to Brands on UFLPA
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In response to the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre's (BHRRRC) recent inquiry to brands on the *Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act* (UFLPA), the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) is providing this statement on behalf of the industry:

Our members have a zero tolerance for forced labor and will continue to make every effort to mitigate, root out, eliminate, and prevent forced labor in their supply chains. Our members are continuously strengthening the measures they take to identify and eliminate forced labor from their supply chains with AAFA brands implementing traceability, new technologies, and other tools to ensure that there is no forced labor in their supply chains. The UFLPA is a key component of a broad global strategy, and our shared goal, to end forced labor.

We look forward to an increased partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. government's Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force as industry works to amplify the U.S. government's efforts to eliminate forced labor worldwide.

This partnership is critical to make UFLPA enforcement as effective and targeted as possible.