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Dear Mr. Nolan:

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE *SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE STANDARD*
COORDINATED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR MARKET TRANSFORMATION TO
SUSTAINABILITY**

We would like to congratulate you and all the members of Sustainable Textile Committee and Work Group for your commitment towards the development of the *Sustainable Textile Standard* for carpet, fabric and apparel.

We value the opportunity to work with you, representatives from several major carpet and textile manufacturers as well as with representatives from other government agencies in the development of this national *Standard*. Furthermore, we appreciate the efforts of your Committee in resolving to our satisfaction our concerns on the early versions of the draft *Standard*.

Your efforts compliment our efforts with the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) towards the development of CRI's Green Label Plus Program. Besides the CRI's Green Label Program, the Department of Health Services has worked along with other State Agencies, Departments, and product manufacturers to coordinate the development of sustainable specifications for office furniture systems and building materials. These processes have given us a fuller appreciation of the powerful aspects of partnerships between industry and government working together on the development of these specifications. We are fully supportive of efforts in integrating all aspects of environmental sustainability in a single, widely acceptable specification.

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DHS is a member of the State's Environmental Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Task Force and the EPP Carpet Working Group. As a member of the State's EPP Carpet Working Group, we will lend our support to the *Standard* as the environmental basis for a state-wide procurement specification for carpets to be installed in state buildings.

Sincerely,



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