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Mr. Whitney Rick, Chief
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Dear Mr Rick:

In answer to the request for comments (docket # CN-01-002) in the Federal Register March 26, 2001, we wish to express our total support for the Cotton Research and Promotion program. There is no way that we could be farming cotton at the level we are today without this program.

As you know, our share of the apparel market in this country has grown every year Cotton, Inc. has functioned. Domestic consumption of cotton products has grown along with this and if it were not for a flood of foreign imports of textiles, we could hardly produce enough cotton.

Because of low prices and lack of understanding of the program by some producers, a referendum would not truly reflect either the success of the program or support by all producers who understand what this program has done for us.

This is a highly successful program and with all of our other problems, we certainly cannot afford to lose this effort

Sincerely,



Jack Hamilton