Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 17, 2012

Mr. Scott Blackmun
Chief Executive Officer
United States Olympic Committee
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Dear Mr. Blackmun:

We were outraged to learn that the official uniforms of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Team for the London Olympics designed by the Ralph Lauren Corporation were manufactured in China. At a time when so many Americans are still searching for work, it is offensive that the USOC would not support our workers and their families by manufacturing the uniforms here. The mission of the USOC is to "preserve the Olympic ideals and inspire all Americans." These ideals were violated when the manufacture of Team USA's uniforms was outsourced.

Team USA should wear uniforms that evoke more than just an image, but actual labor from workers and raw materials from America. The Ralph Lauren Corporation claims that the uniforms embody the "spirit" of our country. This is not enough. American manufacturing is critical to the soul of the country. The U.S. textile and apparel industry provides the backbone to many cities and towns. These American companies are capable of making these uniforms at competitive prices. Hard working Americans should have the privilege of manufacturing uniforms for Team USA.

The USOC should immediately adopt a policy to ensure that future uniforms are manufactured in America. The 530 members of Team USA deserve to wear a uniform that bears the Made in America label. We look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely,

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