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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Sixth and Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Secretary;

I am writing to ask that the comment period of March 1, on the issue of care labeling, be postponed. I think it is important for drycleaners to participate by surveying our customers and learning their preference in terms of care information.

Alternative care labeling will provide the consumer with the opportunity to make informed choices at very little additional cost to the manufacturer. I feel that more time is needed to assess the consumers preferences.

We have a small plant in northern New York but share many of the problems of even the largest plants. Correct labeling is an issue for all of us. Many of us have been using wet cleaning as an alternative and in addition to dry cleaning. But, it is still absolutely necessary to have all methods of cleaning on the label to best protect the consumer, the manufacturer, and the professional clothing care specialist.

I fully support the position taken by NCA-I and IFI because it gives the opportunity of choice.

Sincerely,



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