MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Sustainable Textiles

FROM: Jim Darr, chairperson

DATE: March 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Straw ballot for NSF 336, Sustainable Commercial Furnishings Fabric

Enclosed is the straw ballot for Draft 4.4 of NSF 336. Please review the draft language and return your ballot and comments by the ballot due date of April 14, 2008 via the e-balloting system.

Purpose
As expressed in the Standard, the purpose is to provide measurable market-based definitions of progressively more sustainable commercial furnishings fabrics for suppliers, manufacturers, purchasers, fabricators, specifiers, and end users. It establishes performance criteria that address environmental, economic, and social aspects throughout the supply chain.

Background
In April 2007, a draft was circulated to the Joint Committee and all stakeholders for review and comment. At that time, a great deal of comments were received. Since then, the task groups responsible for the content of the Standard have been working on addressing the comments and incorporating them into an updated version of the draft. The responses to the comments from the 2007 straw ballot are available here. It is the intent that all comments received will be addressed; however, at this time there are some that are still being thoughtfully considered.

At this time, the updated draft is ready for review. It is being circulated to the Joint Committee and all stakeholders for comments. The results and comments of this ballot will be discussed at the upcoming Joint Committee meeting, scheduled for April 30-May 2, 2008.

Further Instructions
In addition to casting a vote on the website, please use the comment template (included in the folder for this ballot, “Straw ballot – revision 4”) to enter your comments. It will be extremely helpful if you would also offer reasoning for your comments and alternative solutions for consideration.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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