



PRESS STATEMENT

NCTO Member Barnet Hosts Congressman William Timmons (SC-04) to Tout Innovation and Capital Investment in South Carolina's Vibrant Textile Industry

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WASHINGTON, DC – National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) member Barnet met with Congressman William Timmons (SC-04) this week at the company's international headquarters in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where the company manufactures advanced textile materials and is currently expanding operations, underscoring continued growth and investment by the U.S. textile industry.

“As a leader in the Upstate region's manufacturing of synthetic fibers, polymers, yarns, and other solutions, Barnet welcomed the opportunity to introduce Rep. Timmons to the range of innovative products our team produces here in his district,” said Chuck Hall, Barnet's president and CEO. “We greatly appreciate the congressman's support of South Carolina's textile industry and are grateful for his help addressing many challenges that manufacturers in the state face.”

Barnet is a global manufacturing, recycling, and trading company, specializing in a wide range of fibers, polymers and yarns. Founded in Albany, New York in 1898 by William Barnet, the company has been dedicated to a vision of being the world's most respected, creative, versatile, and sustainable global solution provider to its customers and suppliers. The company currently employs over 500 associates worldwide.

At Barnet, Rep. Timmons toured the company's production line for Nega-Stat®, an advanced yarn that eliminates static discharge from fabrics that are used in a range of industrial environments. Without this protection, a static discharge could damage sensitive electronic equipment or cause an incendiary discharge—potentially leading to an industrial explosion.

The congressman also viewed firsthand Barnet's new carbon fiber investment at the site, which will expand the company's production and create new manufacturing jobs. This investment will produce modified and precision cut carbon fibers for a range of nonwoven, composite, and engineered plastic applications.

Barnet operates three manufacturing facilities in the U.S., employing 300 people.

Barnet is part of the broader domestic textile industry that is a major factor in high-tech and sustainable innovation in the production of everything from heart valves and stents to aircraft bodies

and advanced body armor. The entire U.S. textile supply chain produced \$65.8 billion in output in 2022 and employed nearly 538,000 workers.

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NCTO is a Washington, DC-based trade association that represents domestic textile manufacturers.

- U.S. employment in the textile supply chain was 538,067 in 2022.
- The value of shipments for U.S. textiles and apparel was \$65.8 billion in 2022.
- U.S. exports of fiber, textiles and apparel were \$34 billion in 2022.
- Capital expenditures for textiles and apparel production totaled \$2.27 billion in 2021, the last year for which data is available.

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