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As a contractor for the State of Michigan, proudly supplying uniforms for our state's dedicated public employees, I am committed to providing uniforms that our public servants can be proud of. National Dry Goods has provided uniforms to the State of Michigan, from many different brands. We are located in Detroit and we sell many Union Made in the USA products.

As a business owner, I know that we must respond to consumer demand. And we have heard loud and clear that Michigan consumers want a product they can trust was made by workers paid a decent wage to support a family. They don't want sweatshop products. It's not only the right thing to do from a moral standpoint, it's the smart thing to do from a business standpoint.

National Dry Goods is committed to working with the State of Michigan and our supplier brands to remedy the problems identified in SweatFree Communities' new report, to achieve transparency within the garment industry so we know where our products come from, and to implement a strong sweatfree policy for the State, with the goal of supporting working families here in Michigan and anywhere the products we use are made. I encourage Governor Granholm to join the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium so that we can level the playing field for those businesses doing the right thing.