

HOSEPAC Promotes Candidates' Support

The Hosiery Political Action Committee, coordinated by former CHA executive director Paul Fogleman, has appealed for contributions to help re-elect supporters in the North Carolina General Assembly and to encourage the state's congressional delegation to help with a national industry agenda.

Fogleman represents the CHA as a lobbyist in the state legislature and works with the Hosiery Governmental Affairs Committee headed by Darrell Frye, vice president of Harriss & Covington Hosiery Co., High Point.

"Several of our longtime allies in the General Assembly are retiring or seeking other offices," Fogleman said. "Our returning friends will be especially important as we cultivate a relationship with new faces," he added.

Fogleman noted that the national agenda not only includes trade agreements and measures to establish "fair trade", but also to protect the future of the Hosiery Technology Center. The budget of President Bush slashed appropriations to the Manufacturing Extension Partnerships across the U.S. by 60 percent. The HTC could lose its annual appropriation of \$351,000.

"We have a major task to protect our domestic markets and also our most valuable resource: the technology center," Fogleman continued.

All money received by HOSEPAC goes to candidates and to mailing costs, it was explained.