

## **PROPOSAL: MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT AND QUALITY OF U.S. IMPORTS**

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The purpose of this project is to study the impact of multi-fiber trade agreements on the prices and quality of U.S. apparel and textile imports. The project is data-intensive and requires the merging of data from three different sources for the past two decades: U.S. imports at a disaggregate product level, U.S. quotas on textiles by country of origin, and proxies of costs in each country of origin. With these data we will be able to estimate structural demand functions for differentiated products and to derive a quality index. The research assistant will help us with data gathering and cleaning and with programming. Experience with STATA is desired but not essential.