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August 2, 2013

Mary Jo White
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Dear Chairman White,

On August 10, 2012, the President signed the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 into law. Building off previous sanctions, the Iran-related provisions sanction activities related to Iran's energy and financial sectors, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, support for terrorism, and human rights abuses. Section 219 of this legislation is a requirement that each company that reports to the Security Exchange Commission (SEC) publicly declare any investments in Iran in their quarterly and annual reports to the SEC. The legislation also included a requirement that the SEC publish this information on a public website.

In authoring this provision, I sought to bring greater transparency as a means of substantially increasing pressure on companies doing business in Iran (with the exception of those doing non-sanctioned humanitarian work), and in turn, on the Iranian regime. By mandating self-disclosure and making this information available to the public through SEC filings, we allow our government, and the American people, the opportunity to ensure their investment dollars are not actively undermining our national security priorities.

Unfortunately, the implementation of Section 219 has fallen well short of the intended Congressional intent. The disclosures are buried deep inside the SEC website, and accessing the public disclosures requires advance knowledge of the SEC's specialized EDGAR Company filing system. I have enclosed an attachment that outlines the nine complicated steps a member of the public would need to take in order to review a company's disclosure of material business with Iran. In this current form, this information does not achieve our goal of exposing to the American public companies that continue to provide support to Iran that could assist their drive for nuclear weapons.

Given the importance of this issue, and the Administration's continued leadership in implementing a robust and effective Iran sanctions regime, I strongly encourage the SEC to explore mechanisms – including easily adaptable open data - for making the Iran disclosures

more publicly accessible. I hope I can count on your support, and I would be happy to discuss the specific mechanics with you or your staff at your convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Deutch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ted Deutch
Member of Congress

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 MICHAEL J. VEITENHEIMER Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel Michaels Stores, Inc 8000 Bent Branch Drive Irving, Texas 75063 May 24, 2013 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549 Re: Notice of

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We own or have rights in trademarks, service marks or trade names that we use in connection with the operation of our business, including "Am on Brothers," "Artisree," "Michaels," "Michaels the Arts and Crafts Store," "Recollections," "Where Creativity Happens," and the stylized Michaels logo. We have registered our primary private brand names including Artist's Loft, ArtMinds, Celebrate It, Creatology, Craft Smart, enagap, Recollections, Loop & Thread, MyDesign@Michaels, Studio Décor, Bend Lamping and Ashland and various sub-brands associated with these primary marks. Solely for convenience, some of the trademarks, service marks and trade names referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed without the ® and ™ symbols, but we will assert to the fullest extent under applicable law our rights in our copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade names and domain names.

Employees

As of March 11, 2013, we employed approximately 49,900 associates, approximately 18,100 of whom were employed on a part time basis. The number of part time associates substantially increases during the Christmas selling season. Of our full time associates, approximately 1,100 are engaged in various executive, operating, training, distribution, and administrative functions in our corporate and division offices and distribution centers, and the remainder are engaged in store operations. None of our associates are subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

Sanctions Related Disclosures

Under the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which added Section 13(j) of the Exchange Act, we are required to include certain disclosures in our periodic reports if we or any of our affiliates knowingly engaged in certain specified activities during the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Because the SEC defines the term "affiliate" broadly, it includes any entity, controlled by us as well as any person or entity that controls us or is under common control with us ("control" is also construed broadly by the SEC). We do not believe we and our consolidated subsidiaries have knowingly engaged in any transaction or dealing reportable under Section 13(j) of the Exchange Act during fiscal year 2012.

The Blackstone Group L.P., one of our Sponsors, informed us that TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., a company that may be considered one of its affiliates, included the disclosure reproduced below in its annual report on Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC on February 15, 2013 as required by Section 13(j) of the Exchange Act (the "TRW Disclosure"). We have no involvement in or control over the activities of TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., any of its predecessor companies or any of its subsidiaries, and we have not independently verified or participated in the preparation of the TRW Disclosure.

TRW Disclosure

Compliance with Government Regulations

Pursuant to Section 13(j)(2)(iii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), we note that in 2012 certain of our non-U.S. subsidiaries sold products to customers that could be affiliated with, or deemed to be acting on behalf of, the Industrial Development and Renovation Organization, which has been designated as an agency of the Government of Iran. Gross revenue attributable to such sales was approximately \$3,250,000, and net profit from such sales was approximately \$177,000. Although these activities were not prohibited by U.S. law at the time they were conducted, our subsidiaries have discontinued their dealings with such customers, other than limited wind-down activities (which are permissible), and we do not otherwise intend to continue or enter into any Iran-related activity.

The Blackstone Group L.P., additionally informed us that Travelport Limited, a company that may be considered one of its affiliates, provided the disclosure reproduced below in its annual report on Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC on March 12, 2013 as required by Section 13(j)(2)(iii) of the Exchange Act (the "Travelport Disclosure"). We have no involvement in or control over the activities of Travelport Limited, any of its predecessor companies or any of its subsidiaries, and we have not independently verified or participated in the preparation of the Travelport Disclosure.