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To whom it may concern;

As an informed consumer, and a member of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), I am disturbed to learn of the FTC proposed changes to the criteria for the use of the "Made in USA" label.

The proposed changes, clearly advocated by corporate America's realization of its value, is nothing more than an attempt to ship more jobs overseas to countries where wages and working conditions can never compare to those enjoyed here in the U.S. The end result would be an erosion of our own labor and consumer standards.

I appeal to you to leave the policy alone as it is. "Made in USA" should mean exactly what it says.

Sincerely
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