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Secretary Donald Clark,

I am writing you this letter in response to a recent article I read regarding the made in the USA label. The article stated that the FTC has drafted a proposal that any article "substantially" made in the USA may bear the "made in the USA" label. I would like to let you know how I feel about this.

I have always been proud to buy products made in the USA. I feel good about supporting our working people. They are what makes our country strong. It takes quality jobs to make quality products. Products made in the USA are quality that I have counted on. It is wrong to falsify the Made in the USA label and therefore take away the quality and pride I have in these products.

Products made in the countries like Bangkok, Mexico, Asia, China, and the Philippines should not bear the Made in the USA label. Even if some "substantial" part of them is made in the USA label isn't about substantially made in the USA. It's about our people making our products with decent jobs and pay as well as

quality work. The people in these other countries work hard too but they are taken advantage of and work in terrible conditions. I don't agree with this, and I don't want to support it. The made in the USA label is my way of knowing I'm not. If this proposal passes I will never know what I'm really buying. I don't want it to be a guessing game.

I'm closing. I would like to say that I am proud to be part of the work force of this country. I take pride in my job and the work I produce. I want to support others like myself in this country. If I decide to buy foreign products then I want to do by my own choice not because I thought the product was made here. Please don't give away our jobs just to make a few more dollars on cheaper labor and materials. Our jobs are worth more than that and so is the Made in the USA label.

Sincerely,

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