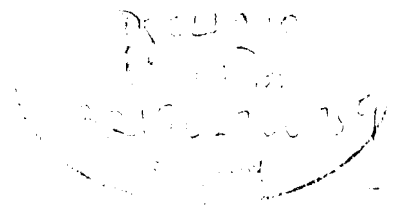


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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 159  
Sixth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20580



**RE:** "MADE IN U. S.A." LABEL

Dear Federal Trade Commission:

Please do not change the standards for the "Made in U. S.A." label. I rely on it very much when I shop and base my decisions on the label when possible. I want to support American made products and the American worker.

I strongly feel that companies that keep their operations in the United States should be supported. If you lower the standards for the "Made in U. S. A." label, you will be undercutting those companies that have stayed here and tried to work within our system. I feel you would be rewarding those companies that opted for cheap labor and parts from other countries.

I am certain you are being pressured by big companies that do much of their manufacturing outside the country. When I am shopping, I find it very sad to see very few "Made in U. S. A." labels. Most of the labels say Made in **China, Indonesia, Philippines, Mexico, Taiwan, Japan, etc.** I was delighted when I made a purchase in a woodcarver's shop in Germany this Spring. It was a crystal and brass swan, supposedly Austrian crystal, and the label said "Made in U.S.A."! I was very pleased.

I feel our country is being sold out in many ways. Please do not degrade the standard of the U.S.A. label. We want to still be proud of it.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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