



The Honorable

Robert Pitofsky

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I am a single mother employed by New Balance Athletic Shoe in Norridgewock Maine. New Balance employs over 600 people in Maine alone. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you why I support the 75% guidelines for the made in the USA.

Our company takes pride in keeping as many jobs in the US as is possible, however, 100% guidelines are very unrealistic. New Balance needs to obtain sales from overseas because they are unavailable in the U.S. at this time. The 100% standard would keep New Balance from using the label, which in my opinion is our biggest selling point. Without this advantage the sales of our product would drop, which could result in the loss of many American jobs.

Yours truly

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