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I am writing to voice my objection to H.R. 4158 recently introduced by Congressman Ryun of Kansas. As you already know, the rubber footwear industry has been decimated recently due to the large influx of imports from abroad. Norcross Safety Products is the ONLY surviving domestic manufacturer of hand-plied rubber work footwear. Our major competitor, LaCrosse Footwear, moved its production offshore last July.

This bill would become a precedent for ongoing negotiations with Chile and other countries affected by the FTAA.

Sincerely,

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