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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of the Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association, which represents the domestic footwear manufacturing industry, I object to the following miscellaneous tariff bill:

H.R. 4503 – Rep. Carney (6404.19.20)

This bill requests a tariff extension for certain footwear within the part of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule that is reserved for domestically manufactured footwear, specifically footwear manufactured by Genfoot and OnGuard Industries. In order to ameliorate this conflict, we suggest adding the following term, in bold, in the HTS description:

(except footwear of vulcanized rubber and footwear with waterproof molded or **vulcanized bottoms**, including bottoms comprising an outer sole and all or part of the upper)

In addition, we suggest valuing the footwear in question to over \$30 per pair, to account for inflation.

Sincerely,
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