

Miscellaneous Tariff Bill

Final Disclosure Form

Part I: Type of Disclosure

This form is being submitted for H.R. 4894 as a disclosure submitted reflecting information provided through MTB public comment period and the International Trade Commission's Congressional Bill Report.

Part II: Written Statement

Member Name: Russ Carnahan

- A. Is the tariff relief specified in this Miscellaneous Tariff Bill available to any entity that imports and pays duties pursuant to this tariff heading? If not, why?

Yes.

Please list any known entities currently importing under the tariff heading specified in the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill, including those listed in the Preliminary Disclosure Form, ITC Congressional Bill Report, and any public comments: (if additional space is required, please attach with this form)

Warson Group, Rocky Footwear, Timberland, Wolverine Worldwide Inc., LaCrosse Footwear, Inc., Redwing Shoe Co., Carolina Shoe Co., Weinbrenner Shoe Co.

(public comments attached)

- B. Does the tariff relief specified in this Miscellaneous Tariff Bill benefit downstream producers, manufacturers, purchasers, and consumers?

Yes

Part III: Financial Benefit Certification

I hereby certify that neither myself nor my spouse has a financial interest in any entity named in Part II.A above.



(Member Signature)

11/27/12

Date



June 19, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) Public Comment Submission
H.R. 4894

Dear Chairman Camp:

Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc. files this comment to voice its objection to H.R. 4894.

Organized in 1905, Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc. (the "Company") is a privately-held corporation based in Red Wing, Minnesota that is famous worldwide for its premium quality work and safety footwear. Red Wing shoes are sold to both consumer and industrial customers in more than 4,000 U.S. retail locations, and distributed in more than 100 countries around the globe.

The Company is one of the last remaining footwear companies still manufacturing much of its footwear in the United States. The Company provides jobs to more than 2200 employees. Over half of these employees work at one of the Company's three domestic manufacturing facilities located in Red Wing, Minnesota; Potosi, Missouri; and Danville, Kentucky. Footwear as described in H.R. 4894 is manufactured by Red Wing Shoe Company in one or more of its three domestic plants. Reducing or suspending the tariffs on similar imported footwear will further widen the gap between the cost of foreign and US manufactured product, place Red Wing Shoe Company at a greater competitive disadvantage and cause additional strain on the Company's ability to keep jobs and manufacturing in the US. For these reasons, we urge you to strike H.R. 4894 and not include it in the final Miscellaneous Trade Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

David Baker
Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc.

cc: William Sweasy, Chairman and CEO
David Murphy, President and COO

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Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc. in Red Wing, MN and the Plant Facilities in Potosi, MO and Danville, KY are ISO Quality Management System Certified.

June 18, 2012

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

The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, DC 20515

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. 4894 – Rep. Carnahan (6403.91.60)

This bill requests a tariff suspension for certain footwear within the part of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule that is reserved for domestically manufactured footwear.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
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June 21, 2012

Dear Chairman Camp:

Warson Brands is pleased to submit these comments in support of the following bills introduced by Rep. Russ Carnahan: H.R. 4891, 4892, 4893, 4894, 4895, 4896. These bills provide a temporary duty suspension for several different styles of work footwear with a protective toe cap made of composite (non-metal) materials.

Warson Brands is recognized as a leader in occupational footwear. Located in St. Louis, Missouri, the company markets work shoes and boots under the popular brands of Converse, Rockport and Florsheim. Warson Brands shoes are designed to offer exceptional fit, comfort and safety to working feet. Warson Brands footwear is worn by police officers, swat teams, postal workers, military personnel, security guards, factory employees, construction workers and many other working men and women in America. The "composite toe caps" are particularly necessary to workers who must pass through security. They provide a high level of protection, but because they do not contain metal, the composite toe footwear is security-friendly. The composite toe caps are lightweight adding comfort to the footwear which must be worn all day long on the job.

The six bills referenced above include the following: six categories of work footwear for which we are seeking duty suspensions include the following categories having a composite toe cap:

- Men's oxford work shoes with a composite toe cap
- Women's oxford work shoes with a composite toe cap
- Men's high-top work shoes with a composite toe cap
- Women's high-top work shoes with a composite toe cap
- Men's work boots with a composite toe cap
- Women's work boots with a composite toe cap

The current duty-rate on the above products ranges from 8 ½% to 10% even though there is no U.S. production of the composite toe cap work shoes and boots to protect. Passage of duty suspension bills for these products is particularly compelling as it will make these important categories of footwear more affordable for working men and women. It is also important to note that the oxford-style work shoes for men and for women enjoyed a duty suspension for three years, but expired December 31, 2009.

We urge the committee to include these bills in the MTB package. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jim Maritz
President

June 21, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
House Committee on Ways & Means

The Honorable Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member
House Committee on Ways & Means

Re: Comments Regarding Footwear Miscellaneous Tariff Bills

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments regarding the miscellaneous tariff bills (MTBs) under your consideration.

The Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America (FDRA) and its members strongly support the miscellaneous tariff bill process in order to provide duty relief and strengthen American businesses and consumers. FDRA is the nation's largest footwear trade association accounting for approximately 75% of all footwear sales in the United States. FDRA represents the industry's leading retailers, brands and buying agents. Our U.S. footwear retailers include Foot Locker, JC Penney, Payless ShoeSource, Famous Footwear and Zappos, as well as major brand names and distributors such as Nike, PUMA, K-Swiss, Steve Madden, and Wolverine Worldwide.

As you may know, 99 percent of all footwear sold in the United States is imported. Footwear imports are subject to some of the highest tariff rates on consumer goods, with some as high as 67.5%. Duty reductions on footwear provide meaningful benefits both to the importer and U.S. consumers who must bear the bulk of the duty cost. In short, providing duty relief on non-sensitive footwear as proposed in the MTB process would support good paying U.S. jobs in design, logistics and retail, while allowing our members to provide better value to our customers.

Therefore, I present this letter in support of the following MTBs covering footwear products:

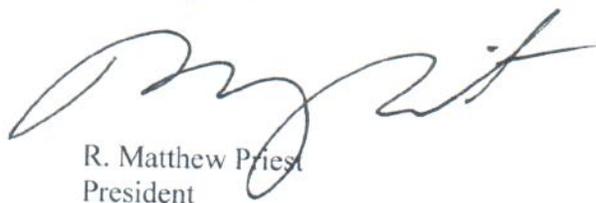
H.R. 4502	H.R. 5165
H.R. 4503	H.R. 5166
H.R. 4504	H.R. 5175
H.R. 4505	H.R. 5176
H.R. 4891	H.R. 5177

H.R. 4892	H.R. 5330
H.R. 4893	H.R. 5423
H.R. 4894	H.R. 5424
H.R. 4895	H.R. 5425
H.R. 4896	H.R. 5426
H.R. 4897	H.R. 5427
H.R. 4898	H.R. 5428
H.R. 4899	H.R. 5429
H.R. 4900	H.R. 5430
H.R. 4901	H.R. 5431
H.R. 4926	H.R. 5432
H.R. 4927	H.R. 5559
H.R. 4928	H.R. 5560
H.R. 4929	H.R. 5561
H.R. 4993	H.R. 5562
H.R. 4994	H.R. 5564
H.R. 4995	H.R. 5616
H.R. 5029	H.R. 5617
H.R. 5030	H.R. 5618
H.R. 5164	H.R. 5619

FDRA commends your leadership and support of the miscellaneous bill process and it is our hope that the MTB will continue to be an effective tool to relieve the unnecessary burden of tariffs on non-controversial imports.

Thank you for again for your leadership on behalf of our entire industry and the broader American trade community. Our members look forward to an expedient passage of this important legislation.

Best Regards,



R. Matthew Priest
President