June 19, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) Public Comment Submission
H.R. 4893

Dear Chairman Camp:

Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc. files this comment to voice its objection to H.R. 4893.

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. 4893 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. 4893 and not include it in the final Miscellaneous Trade Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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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.