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Mike Duke
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Dear Mr. Duke,

Four weeks after its release, Wal-Mart has yet to issue a formal response to CLW's July 27 report on two Wal-Mart suppliers. On August 13, Wal-Mart's Vice President of Ethical Standards, Rajan Kamalanathan, wrote a letter stating that Wal-Mart had completed audits at Hantai and Wah Sheng Factories and was ready to discuss the results. As we stated at the time, CLW will meet with Wal-Mart in New York at your team's earliest convenience.

In the meantime, CLW asks Wal-Mart to publicly release its response to the report, including its investigation results for the two factories and any assessment it has conducted on the systemic problems targeted in CLW's report. Ultimately, workers at Hantai, Wah Sheng and elsewhere in Wal-Mart's supply chain stand to benefit from this transparency in Wal-Mart's response, and concerned Wal-Mart consumers around the world are also awaiting Wal-Mart's reply.

In "Wal-Mart's Road to Sustainability: Paved with False Promises?" CLW called upon Wal-Mart to act swiftly and decisively to improve serious violations in Hantai and Wah Sheng Factories. In fact, the Hantai investigation was a follow-up on issues left unresolved after CLW's 2008 Hantai Factory report, in spite of similar pledges that Wal-Mart issued in July 2008 to improve conditions at the factory. This time around, publicly announcing specific issues and changes will assure the world that Wal-Mart will stick to its word, hold these two factories to its standards of sustainability, and address systemic problems that allow these standards to go unmet.

We look forward to Wal-Mart's public response, and hope to meet soon to discuss these matters further.

Best regards,

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