



April 8, 2007

Honorable Members of the Common Council of Milwaukee

To Whom It May Concern:

The Milwaukee chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) strongly endorses the efforts of Alderman Zielinski to commit the City of Milwaukee to a policy of justice and sustainability.

It is our belief that the city has much to gain by supporting apparel providers whose business models reject exploitation and recognize the rights of workers to a safe and healthy work environment, a livable wage, and the right to organize.

While economic efficiency should always be a concern of government, the interests of the people are not served by a policy that provides a financial incentive to companies and regimes that profit through the exploitation of workers. If we, as a society, are to maintain our collective commitment to democracy and human rights, we cannot abandon our principles when we act as consumers.

Sincerely,

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