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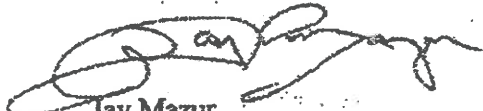
President Lee Bollinger  
University of Michigan  
503 Thompson Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Dear President Bollinger:

I am writing to express my support for the brave, principled young men and women of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality who are now sitting in at the Dean's office to demand that the University of Michigan join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC).

As President of UNITE—the largest union representing apparel and textile workers in the United States—I have had experience dealing with the problems of sweatshops where workers are subjected to poverty wages and outrageous conditions. I commend the University of Michigan for the anti-sweatshop standards outlined in the University's Code of Conduct. Now the University must seek to enforce those standards in the factories producing Michigan-licensed clothing. In my opinion, the WRC represents the best available system for bringing about improvements in those factories. The WRC enjoys the support and participation of students, unions and many human rights groups in both the United States and producing countries. Therefore, I urge you to work with the students and meet their demand for the University to become a member of the WRC.

Sincerely,



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