



**JIM DOYLE**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the state of Wisconsin, I am pleased that you are gathering today to discuss the State and Local Government Sweatfree Consortium.

As Governor of Wisconsin, I am committed to protecting the rights of workers and ensuring safe and humane factory conditions. *Subsidizing Sweatshops* is a report that all states and local governments must take seriously in our efforts to end human and labor rights violations.

We have asked four state contractors to look into whether their suppliers produce sweatshop goods. I am expecting that each company will take the appropriate steps to ensure that working conditions are improved and that labor and human rights violations are immediately corrected.

I want to thank SweatFree Communities for all your hard work. Together, we will act to protect workers' rights worldwide.

Best wishes for a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle  
Governor