



A Network for Local Action Against Sweatshops

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Larry Wise, Director of Operations  
Workrite Uniform Company  
500 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030

Dear Mr. Wise:

We are writing regarding a factory making products for your company: the Vaqueros Navarra factory in Tehuacan, Puebla, Mexico.

You are most likely aware of the independent assessment of the Vaqueros Navarra factory conducted by Verité which found serious human rights and worker rights violations, including discrimination, harassment, and illegal firings of workers who want to be represented by an independent union. We urge you to immediately call upon your supplier to take all necessary steps to ensure workers' freedom of association, joining other buyers from this factory who already have done so. These steps should include:

- Ceasing all harassment, dismissals and pressure on supporters of the September 19 union to sign resignation letters;
- Reporting on the actions it has taken to address the Verité investigative findings;
- Immediately reinstating all unjustly fired workers; and
- Supporting and fully cooperating with a timely and democratic union representation vote.

SweatFree Communities is a U.S. national network of community-based anti-sweatshop organizations who are working to end public purchasing from sweatshops. Increasing numbers of cities, counties, states, and school districts are establishing "sweatfree" criteria for purchasing of apparel and other products, and developing means of enforcement through independent factory investigations. We hope that this government market incentive for decent working conditions will compliment your own efforts to ensure that suppliers such as Vaqueros Navarra respect their workers' human and labor rights.

We urge you to add your voice to those of other buyers of Vaqueros Navarra to protect workers' rights while continuing to place steady orders with the factory. We look forward to receiving a report of your actions soon.

Sincerely,

Bjorn Claeson, Executive Director

Cc: Marett Cobb, Executive Vice President, Williamson-Dickie

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