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Dear *Name* MEP,

I write to you regarding my concern about the adverse impact some corporations have on environmental and human rights.

It is deeply encouraging to hear that the European Commission is publishing Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Law at the end of this month. France, Germany, and Norway have already introduced legislation for mandatory human rights due diligence. Given Ireland’s long-standing commitment to human rights, I ask that you take steps to progress this legislation.

I was very happy to see the majority of members of the European Parliament called for the urgent adoption of a binding EU law that ensures companies are held accountable and liable when they harm – or contribute to harming – human rights, the environment and good governance.

Now that the Commission will have published the EU Directive, and the trialogue stage will commence soon, I ask that you continue to ensure that this new law is robust and effective in protecting people’s human rights, ending forced labour, and protecting the environment. I also ask you to ensure that the urgency to get this law passed remains, the time is now!

We can no longer wait while some companies exploit weak and poorly enforced domestic regulation. Corporations have been able to turn a blind eye to human rights violations in their supply chains, such as forced labour by trafficked persons. Complex global value chains mask the production and distribution of goods tainted by human trafficking. Globally, 25 million people are locked in forced labour, and in 2021 the US Department of Labour identified 156 items from 77 countries produced by child or forced labour. Despite these abuses, there are few effective mechanisms to hold companies to account, and no global regulation despite the transnational nature of many businesses.

The European Parliament plays a key role in protecting human rights and creating the conditions for social justice. That profits are derived from human trafficking, forced labour, and other abuses is an affront to the dignity of the person and undermines human solidarity. Indeed, Pope Francis has referred to human trafficking as an “open wound on the body of contemporary society.” When faced with such injustice we are morally obliged to act decisively.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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