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MEP Address line 1,

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Dear [Name] MEP,

I write to you to ask that you proactively support the proposed EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, and work with your colleagues in the European Parliament to ensure that the directive is robust, effective, and fully protects human rights.

The complexity of today’s globalized business relationships allow corporations to turn a blind eye to human rights abuses in their value chains. Law-makers have a duty to protect human rights and to create the conditions for sound ethical business practices. If done right, the proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive has the potential to significantly improve human and environmental rights. As the European Parliament finalizes its position on this directive, I urge you to use your influence to promote a strong human rights position.

The key areas that I would like to see improved are:

* **Full responsibility for activities overseas:** The directive should cover full value chains, including the downstream impacts, and follow a risk-based approach in-line with international standards. The directive must also ensure comprehensive and gender responsive stakeholder consultation in order to map risk effectively.
* **Widen the scope:** Companies of all sizes should be included in this directive.
* **Financial sector:** Financial undertakings need to carry out ongoing due diligence based on risk severity and likelihood. Finance must be included as a high-risk sector, including financial investors and asset managers.
* **Climate:** Companies should be required to undertake due diligence for climate impacts which adversely affect poorer communities, especially women smallholder farmers.
* **Enable justice for victims:** Barriers to communities being able to take complex and expensive cases against EU companies remain unaddressed.
* **Protect human rights defenders:** ensure defenders are meaningfully consulted, and protected from any harm for doing so.
* **Establish a floor not a ceiling:** Ensure the EU standard is a strong base, but allow individual EU states to make stronger national laws.

Please act to ensure that the European Parliament takes action to strengthen this directive. I would appreciate any updates on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]