## PETITION TO VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ETHICAL PURCHASING NOW! NO MORE TAX DOLLARS TO SWEAT SHOPS!

<u>Whereas</u> forced labour, union busting, child labour and many other human rights abuses are widespread in the new globalized economy, and may be found in the supply chains that produce many of the products bought and used by the city of Vancouver, and

<u>Whereas</u> the City of Vancouver currently has no municipal policies designed to guarantee that tax-payer-subsidized city purchases are directed to ethical and responsible producers, as demonstrated by recent revelations that uniform jackets for city fire fighters had been imported from the notorious sweat shops of Burma/Myanmar

We, the undersigned residents of Vancouver urge our City Council to move at once to adopt "ethical purchasing" regulations for all city purchases- rules that will require that companies supplying the city must respect basic minimum standards of labour relations as defined by the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.

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