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Dear [Member of Congress name and title],

My name is [your name], and I am a [age/school year] in/live in [name of school/city]. I am writing to you to encourage you to join me in the fight to end child labor.

Recently, the UN released the new global estimates on child labor, and for the first time in 20 years, child labor is increasing, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. There are now 160 million children trapped in child labor worldwide; more than every under 18 year old in the US and Canada combined! More than 10,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 became child laborers every day!

I am a member of the 100 Million campaign, founded by Nobel Peace Laureate and child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi, to end child labor and stand up for children's rights around the globe. As part of this [UN Year for the Elimination of Child Labor](#), I have been learning about the root causes of child labor, and the solutions to end it once and for all.

We have the power to address and end child labor. Governments can provide a fair share of resources, laws, and safety nets for the world's most marginalized children. This will ensure that:

- No family is so poor that children are forced to work
- No laws are so weak that companies can freely exploit vulnerable children
- All families will have social protection in the face of unexpected shocks like the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Child labor exists around the world and governments have a critical role to play in delivering a fair share for all children. I ask you to join me in this fight. These violations of basic human rights can be stopped with your support of legislation in the US Congress that addresses this issue, whether focused on closing the loophole that allows child labor in US agriculture where children as young as 12 can work with parental consent or in global supply chains. It is our collective responsibility to protect all children, regardless of who they are and where they live.

By standing up against child labor in the US, you will join other Members of Congress in standing up for the rights of children who deserve to be free, safe and educated.

I look forward to your leadership on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]