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Insert MEP address,
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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. I previously wrote to you in relation to this matter in *MONTH* 2022. As you know, since then the Council of the EU agreed its general approach on 1 December. I write again to ask that you work with your colleagues in Parliament to ensure that the directive is robust and effective.

While it is encouraging to see the EU take action on corporate accountability, it is disappointing that the Commission's draft text of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive has been weakened by the Council of Ministers' amendments. The ministers' proposed changes leave the inclusion of the financial sector at the discretion of each member state; this threatens a race to the bottom. Likewise, the change of language to "chains of activity," rather than comprehensive value chains, limits the scope of application and further weakens the directive.

The EU and national governments have a duty to protect human rights and to create the conditions for sound ethical business practices. That profits are derived from human exploitation is an affront to the dignity of the person. If done right, the proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive has the potential to significantly improve human and environmental rights. As the European Parliament now prepares to deliberate on the Commission's text, I ask that you make a special effort to ensure the directive is strong enough to make a difference:

- Make the inclusion of the financial sector mandatory, and restore the language of value chains rather than the more limited "chains of activity";
- Increase the scope of companies included: at present 99% of businesses will be excluded from the new EU rules;
- Enable justice for victims: there are significant barriers to the ability of communities to take complex and expensive cases against EU companies;
- Address dangerous loopholes: companies may be able to avoid court cases through signing contractual clauses with suppliers.

I trust that you will do your best, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Your Signature*