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Mr. Stephen Wöllenstein
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Dear Mr. Wöllenstein,

I am writing to express my extreme concern over Volkswagen's corporate presence in Xinjian and complicity with Uyghur forced labour and call on Volkswagen to end all its operations in the Uyghur region.

As a Jewish person, my people's experience of internment, forced labour, and religious and ethnic persecution shows us the importance of the right to hold and express our beliefs freely, to live in dignity and to be treated with humanity.

The horror stories of what is happening to the Uyghur people in China tragically parallel those of our ancestors. Just as it was then for the Jews, today, the atrocities being inflicted upon the Uyghur people are undoubtedly calculated and systematic policies of China's government. International corporations, including your own, have been made co-conspirators by China's government, whether they are aware and willing participants or not.

Given the history of Volkswagen's activities during the Second World War, it is disconcerting to hear that, in addition to your suppliers, Volkswagen's joint SAIC-Volkswagen test track in Turpan, Uyghur Region, was built using transferred "Uyghur laborers" in military drill uniforms, where they were subjected to indoctrination, biometric data collection, assimilation and surveillance. Not only did the rest track employe transferred Uyghur laborers through so-called "poverty alleviation" projects, but also actively participated in government work teams monitoring Uyghur families, in arranging and hosting assimilatory "ethnic unity" activities, exhorting Uyghur children to diligently study Chinese, and in facilitating the transfer of Uyghur surplus laborers to state-arranged workplaces. These findings implicate a Volkswagen-controlled entity not only in activities aiding state atrocities, but also in subjecting its own staff to forced labour, assimilation, surveillance and indoctrination.

As the head of the Volkswagen corporation, it is imperative that you consider the reputational, economic, and legal risks of involvement with entities that engage in human rights abuses, including but not limited to, forced labor in the manufacture of goods intended for domestic and international distribution. It is no longer enough to do thorough "due diligence," internal or third-party audits.

It is time for Volkswagen to stand on the right side of history and urgently end Uyghur forced labour in its supply chains and business presence in Xinjiang. I urge you to lead the necessary changes so that Volkswagen can cleanse itself of the stain of association with yet another regimen committing genocide on its people.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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