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FREE TRADE ZONES & GENERAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES UNION



12th March 2016

To: Presidents and Chancellors of U.S. Universities  
From: Free Trade Zones & General Services Employees Union (FTZ&GSEU )  
Re: Nike

Dear Sir / Madam

As the Joint Secretary of the Free Trade Zone and Service Employees Union (FTZSEU)), I was very concerned to hear that Nike is no longer cooperating with Worker Rights Consortium investigations, and, in particular, is no longer allowing the WRC to access its supplier factories. As an organization representing over 21000 workers in Sri Lanka, we believe this will jeopardize the rights of our members and other workers supplying university logo apparel.

Now, as in the past, Nike claims that it can be trusted to monitor its supplier facilities without any independent oversight. However, in our experience, this is not the case.

Only with truly independent investigators and oversight, like that of the WRC, can workers trust that, when problems arise, these problems will be accurately identified and addressed.

We appreciate that your universities have established codes of conduct, and joined the WRC, in an effort to protect the rights of workers producing your logo apparel. We urge you not to allow Nike to undercut these admirable efforts by banning the WRC from its factories.

Thanks

Yours Faithfully

Anton Marcus

Joint Secretary

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