

PLEASE SIGN THIS LETTER AND HAND IT TO STAFF OF A SPORTS STORE

Dear Store Manager,

I want to buy sports gear that has been made under decent conditions.

The brands sold in your store spend millions on sponsoring elite athletes. Nike pays \$US20 million a year to Tiger Woods alone (LA Times, 4/6/2001). Meanwhile, the people who actually make sports gear are missing out on their basic rights.

In September 2002 Nike cut its orders to the Doson factory in Indonesia. The 7,000 people who worked in the factory have only been offered half their legal severance pay. The factory produced for Nike for eleven years, but Nike refuses to pay workers the rest of what they are owed.

Nike is not alone in this. No sportswear brand is willing to make sure that the workers who make their goods receive all their legal rights, including their right to severance pay if their factory closes.

All sportswear brands should make sure that the people who make their goods:

- Are paid enough to meet their basic needs and those of their children
- Are free to form unions.
- Receive severance pay if they lose their jobs.

These companies should also:

- Pay factory owners enough to cover the costs of meeting these standards.
- Work with human rights groups and unions to verify whether these standards are met.
- Stop moving production to countries where independent unions are illegal.

Most urgently, Nike should pay the workers from the PT Doson factory what they are owed.

Please pass copies of this letter on to the brands who supply this store and tell them that your customers don't want their sports gear made in sweatshops.

Sincerely,