

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 13, 2009

Mr. John B. Holland
Chairman and CEO
Russell Corporation
3330 Cumberland Blvd., Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30339

Dear Mr. Holland:

We write to express our grave concern about reports of severe violations of internationally recognized labor rights at the Jerzees de Honduras factory in Choloma, Honduras, a facility owned and operated by Russell Corporation.

Troubling reports from credible labor rights monitors detail numerous violations of workers' associational rights at Jerzees de Honduras (Worker Rights Consortium, November 2008, and ILO expert Adrian Goldín, January 2009). These include intimidation of union supporters, retaliatory firings, refusal of factory access to government labor inspectors, threats that the factory would be closed if workers unionized, and, ultimately, the closure of the factory. We further understand that, to date, Russell has been unwilling to reopen the factory and reinstate workers to their jobs, adopting instead a very limited plan of corrective action that is viewed as unsatisfactory by worker representatives, non-governmental organizations and independent labor rights monitors.

If these reports are correct, the factory has violated internationally recognized labor standards, Russell's own code of conduct, and Honduran law, which the government of that country is obligated to uphold as a party to the U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). These are not the kinds of labor practices that we would expect to see in the supply chain of a U.S. corporation that purports to be a responsible corporate citizen.

We urge you to take all necessary action to ensure that any harm done to your employees in Honduras is fully remedied in a manner satisfactory to workers and their elected representatives, and that their rights to association are respected going forward. We also ask that you promptly provide us with your specific and detailed response to the findings in the two reports cited above.

Sincerely,



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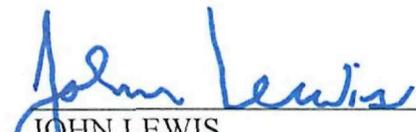
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