

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 8, 2012

Mr. Mike Ward
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Dear Mr. Ward:

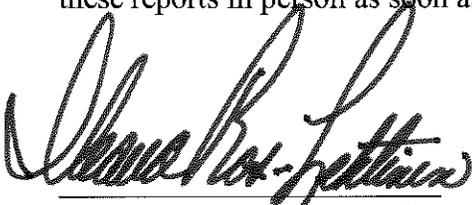
We would like to request a meeting to discuss recent reports alleging that IKEA has knowingly benefited or sought to benefit from the use of Cuban prison labor to manufacture its products.

According to press reports, recently revealed files in the former East German Ministry of State Security (Stasi) indicate that a 1987 East German trade mission to Cuba concluded an agreement by which Cuban prisoners would be used to manufacture products for sale by IKEA. If true, the exploitation of these victims of the Cuban dictatorship would be a stunning example of cynical cooperation with a tyrannical regime for profit.

It is the responsibility of every company to ensure that its products and their respective components are derived from responsible labor practices. In light of the above information we are asking for a meeting to discuss the internal review process that we understand you have commenced to address IKEA's past labor and production practices in Cuba. They certainly should not derive from the dark prisons of authoritarian regimes that repress their own populations, including the denial of basic workers' rights.

We are very concerned about these allegations and look forward to the opportunity to discuss these reports in person as soon as possible.

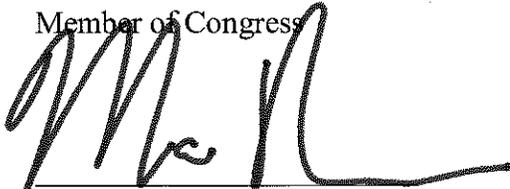
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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United States Senator



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