Dear Whole Foods store manager,

**Why aren’t Whole Foods and Amazon doing more to address abuses of the workers behind our food?**

I’m a regular shopper at your store, and recently I saw Oxfam’s scorecard findings on how some of the largest US supermarkets tackle critical issues affecting the people producing the food they sell. The initiative is called **Behind the Barcodes** ([www.behindthebarcodes.org](http://www.behindthebarcodes.org)).

**I was horrified to see Whole Foods ranked last overall on the scorecard, coming in at just 3%.**

**Why am I here today?**

I trust that Whole Foods is being transparent about how its food is sourced, which is why I shop here. I care about where my food comes from, and I want the people who produce the food I buy to be treated fairly and have their rights respected. **Unfortunately, Whole Foods isn’t taking responsibility to address these serious labor issues in its supply chain. I understand that Oxfam has tried to engage Whole Foods for over a year on making improvements, but has gotten little response.** I’ve read about some seafood workers in Southeast Asia being forced to work in inhumane conditions, experiencing physical and verbal abuse, discrimination against women workers, and working excessive hours for low pay.

**It’s completely unacceptable to have any worker deal with inhumane treatment and harsh working conditions just to get food to my grocery store. As a shopper, I expect Whole Foods to live up to its reputation as being one of the most sustainable grocery stores, but it’s clear that Whole Foods and your parent company Amazon are failing to do so.**

**What am I asking Whole Foods to do?**

Alongside Oxfam and the more than 200,000 customers who have spoken out already, I am asking that Whole Foods engage with your suppliers to take the following steps for the workers who produce the food sold at your stores:

* Help end inhumane and dangerous working conditions
* Ensure fair pay for workers and farmers
* Provide safe and decent work for women

**What can you do?**

I hope that, like me, you care about the integrity of the food you sell in this store and agree that no one should suffer to get food on grocery shelves. I’m asking you to add your voice to push for change within Whole Foods and Amazon. Please reach out to your supervisor and ask them to contact John Burns (Whole Foods VP Global Quality Assurance) and Kara Hurst (Amazon Global Sustainability Director)and tell them to take action to address these issues.

If you have further questions about Oxfam’s Behind the Barcodes campaign, please contact Sarah Zoen, Senior Policy Advisor, at [sarah.zoen@oxfam.org](mailto:sarah.zoen@oxfam.org).

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]