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June 15, 1999

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in our nation's capital for the inaugural meeting of the colleges and universities affiliated with the Fair Labor Association. I am very pleased that 100 colleges and universities have joined the FLA in its efforts to eradicate abusive sweatshop conditions in the United States and abroad.

Formed in November 1998, the Fair Labor Association represents one new strategy to address the problems of sweatshop labor. By overseeing the monitoring of compliance with the workplace code of conduct and evaluation of company compliance, by accrediting independent monitors to inspect factories of participating companies, and by disseminating information to concerned consumers so they can make informed purchasing decisions, the FLA will help to give consumers certainty that their clothes are not made by children or in sweatshops.

The colleges and universities participating in the FLA and the student activists on campuses across the country send an important signal to the manufacturers that make apparel and merchandise bearing collegiate logos: we must work together to eliminate sweatshops and to improve work conditions worldwide. As you gather at this inaugural conference, I commend each of you for your leadership in this important effort. By promoting better work conditions for people around the world, you are helping to ensure a brighter future for us all.

Best wishes for a productive meeting.

**BILL CLINTON** <sup>A</sup>

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WASHINGTON

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Collegiate logos:

Bruce A. Winter

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