

The Hershey Company
David West, CEO
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Dear Mr. West:

I have recently learned that forced child labor is used to harvest cocoa from plantations in the Ivory Coast. I have also learned that your company continues to use cocoa from these plantations despite knowledge of their inhumane working conditions. These working conditions were first brought to your company's attention in the year 2000, and I believe it is outrageous that, after all these years, you still knowingly purchase cocoa from farms that enforce child slavery. Your decision and lack of action reveals a selfish, unethical and corrupt business philosophy that I refuse to support.

I am writing this letter to request that you take action immediately. I will no longer purchase products made by Hershey's until you guarantee your cocoa to be slave-free and harvested from plantations that follow socially just practices. There are plenty of chocolate manufacturers who already make this guarantee, and I will buy only their products and encourage others to do the same until you comply.

Sincerely,