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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

On behalf of the 1.7 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, I write to welcome your signing of the “Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act,” banning imports from Xinjiang province’s labor camps that are exploiting ethnic Muslim workers.

The broad bipartisan support for this legislation demonstrates that your aspirations for uniting Democrats and Republicans are indeed possible. We are immensely grateful for your leadership and extend our gratitude to the leaders of the House and Senate who were able to come together in passing H.R. 6256.

The AFT stood with Secretary Blinken when he condemned China for the practice of genocide against the Uyghurs, and we joined with the AFL-CIO, the International Trade Union Confederation, and a broad network of human rights organizations in calling attention to these horrific human rights and labor rights actions. As a leader in Public Services International, the AFT also called on the International Labour Organization to investigate and report on violations to ILO Conventions 111 and 122 as ratified by China.

We will continue our vigilance at the ILO in pressuring authorities to confront and condemn human rights violations in China.

Sincerely,

Randi Weingarten  
President, American Federation of Teachers

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