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Ms. Trinh Doung
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Dear Trinh:

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the assistance you and the Chinese Staff and Workers Association rendered to my office in the recent criminal investigation of the alleged sweatshop operation at the Hua Great Procetech sportswear factory.

Thank you in particular for serving as an interpreter so that my office could properly assist the employees of the factory in speaking with the media.

As you know, the Attorney General is responsible for the civil and criminal enforcement of the New York State labor laws. This, however, is a job that is nearly impossible to do without the help of dedicated citizens and community representatives such as yourself.

I have made sweatshop prosecutions a priority for my office's Labor Bureau, nearly tripling the number of sweatshop cases handled in 1994, the year before I took office. My goal is not just to prosecute sweatshops, but also to make sure workers get the money they've earned.

Rest assured that, the Attorney General's Office will continue to act quickly and vigorously to shut down sweatshops and recover wages illegally withheld from workers. I know I can count on your continued support in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

DENNIS C. VACCO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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