

CLOTHES FOR A CHANGE

DO YOU SUPPORT
*fair wages and working conditions in
clothing factories and cotton plantations?*

DO YOU CARE
*if your clothing and food is made from
cotton that has been genetically engineered
and drenched in toxic pesticides?*

BEFORE YOU BUY
*clothes or shoes from leading
brand name companies,
you should know...*

Despite rising consumer concerns and years of negative publicity, Gap, Levi Strauss, Nike, Wal-Mart, Ralph Lauren, and other leading clothing brands continue to ship jobs overseas where sweatshop labor is the norm.

Cotton accounts for 25% of worldwide insecticide use, making it the most toxic crop on earth.

Two-thirds of US cotton has been genetically engineered (GE) to exude its own insecticide and to survive high doses of toxic herbicides, exacerbating public health and environmental problems.

Cotton is not only a fiber. Cottonseed oil is a major ingredient in common food items such as baked goods, snack foods and salad dressings. Cottonseed is a major source of feed for dairy cows. We are therefore eating and drinking pesticide residues and gene-altered bacteria and viruses.

Organic cotton farming offers a healthy and safe alternative to pesticides and genetically engineered cotton. Companies such as Patagonia, Maggie's, and hundreds of smaller businesses are using 100% organic cotton.

Trade unions or independent third party certification can provide guarantees that workers are not being subjected to sweatshop labor practices, in fields or in factories.

*Fair
Made*

CARE
WHAT YOU
WEAR!

**Gap,
Levi Strauss, Nike,
Wal-Mart, Ralph Lauren, &
other leading companies promote
themselves as patriotic, socially responsible,
environmentally friendly corporations. And yet...**

**Have they stopped shipping American jobs overseas?
Have they stopped using GE & pesticide-laden cotton?
Have they obtained sweatshop-free certification from
independent monitoring organizations?**

Turn this leaflet over to see what you can do to pressure leading clothing companies to become socially and environmentally responsible.

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**Take action now-
buy organic and sweatshop free!**

Ask your local clothing store to offer a full selection of certified organic & Fair Made clothing. Tell them you will take your business elsewhere if they do not comply.

Ask clothing companies for written assurance that they will publicly disclose the location of all factories that make their clothing, and will cooperate with independent monitors to guarantee a living wage and safe working conditions to the garment workers who make their clothing.

Buy American and Union Made items whenever possible. Buy clothing from socially responsible businesses that certify their products as organic (not genetically engineered) and Fair Made. Buy used clothing to avoid directly supporting inhumane companies.

Join the Organic Consumers Association and the growing sustainable agriculture and anti-sweatshop movement across the world. To get involved in your area, visit our *Clothes for a Change* action webpage at www.organicconsumers.org/clothes/action.cfm

CALL, WRITE, FAX OR EMAIL
THESE COMPANIES TODAY!

Tell them you will not purchase their clothing unless they can provide written assurance that they will stop using GE cotton, start using organic cotton and get certified as sweatshop-free.

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