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Starbucks claims to be a socially responsible company, but the facts prove otherwise. Not only does Starbucks systematically violate its own workers' rights, only a very small percentage of Starbucks coffee is certified Fair Trade – showing that their willful neglect of the coffee farmers supplying them beans is just as rampant as it is for the baristas serving their coffee.

Join us in insisting that Starbucks respect the rights of workers to organize around the globe! Please phone their customer relations line at (800) 235-2883 to let them know of your concern, or e-mail Starbucks' CEO at hschultz@starbucks.com (send a copy to info@starbucks.com).

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