

February 26, 2007

John Chalovich Board Chairman Sports & Exhibition Authority Regional Enterprise Tower -Suite 2750 425 Sixth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219



Re: Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance (PASCA)

Dear Mr. Chalovich:

Kevin McClatchy has asked that I respond to your January 30, 2007, letter regarding PASCA, the Pirates and Major League Baseball (MLB).

First of all, on behalf of the Pirates, I want to thank you for taking the time to review the correspondence we provided to the SEA on this subject as well as the voluminous correspondence supplied by PASCA.

In paragraph 3 of your letter, you raise some questions about the conduct in Bangladesh of a company by the name of Haddad. Allow me to respond to that inquiry. Haddad is a licensee of MLB. Accordingly, I spoke with a representative of MLB and asked him whether he was aware of any illegal or unethical "sweatshop" behavior by Haddad. He advised me he had no such knowledge. Beyond making such an inquiry, there is nothing more the Pirates can do to determine if such conduct occurred. We are satisfied that based on the detailed investigation MLB has previously performed on this sweatshop issue (see the letters contained in my January 17, 2007, letter to Ms. Amey) that if such conduct were occurring, MLB would use its best efforts to bring such conduct to a halt.

Again, we want to thank you for taking the time to examine this issue. We remain satisfied that PASCA's claims have no merit and that MLB, on behalf of itself and the Pirates, has fully and completely responded to those claims.

Very truly yours,

Larry A. Silverman

Vice President & General Counsel

cc:

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January 30, 2007

Kevin McClatchy Chief Executive Officer Pittsburgh Pirates PNC Park at North Shore 115 Federal Street Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Dear Mr. McClatchy,

The Sports & Exhibition Authority (SEA) has received copies of written correspondence between the Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance (PASCA), Major League Baseball and the Pirates. As you are aware, representatives of PASCA regularly attend SEA board meetings and routinely communicate with staff members regarding their concerns.

All the information provided to the Authority has been closely reviewed and considered – including letters, literature, and website materials. It is our understanding that neither Major League Baseball nor the Pirates have received any information that implicates it or its licensees in any illegal or unethical behaviors, specifically related to sweatshops. We, also, have no evidence of abuses but we are aware that sweatshop conditions are a significant occurrence in the apparel industry.

One particular situation that has been brought to the attention of the SEA Board has to do with Haddad factories in Bangladesh that may be providing their workers with pay stubs that do not accurately reflect the amount of overtime worked or deductions from pay. It has been suggested that a request from the Pirates for copies of these pay stubs could have significant impact because there are individuals available in Bangladesh to verify the accuracy of the information provided by the factory. In this way, problems, if any, can be documented and corrected. The SEA Board requests the Pirates to advise whether it is willing and able to make this inquiry.

The SEA Board is confident that the Pirates share the goal of ensuring that human rights are protected wherever Pirates/MLB products are made. We know that you agree that it is a matter that deserves serious attention.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Chalovich

Sports & Exhibition Authority Board Chairman

cc: Dr. Edie Shapira, Rev. William Curtis, Senator Sean Logan, Anthony J. Ross, Senator Wayne Fontana, Councilman Jeffrey Koch, Mary K. Conturo