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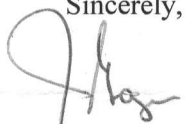
Dear Tim:

State Representative Garnet Coleman contacted us about your efforts to make Fair Trade Certified coffee the only coffee available on our campus. We also received letters on your behalf written by Archbishop Daniel DiNardo and Houston City Council member M.J. Khan.

I appreciate the work you are doing to raise the awareness of the economic and social conditions of coffee growers around the world. College and university campuses across the country have similar campaigns with varying degrees of success. I see where your group convinced Java City, Einstein Bros. Bagels, and Starbucks to offer a Fair Trade Certified blend each day.

Aramark, as you well know, has our food service contract. You may not know, however, that Java City is one of Aramark's brands. Starbucks is the only company licensed to sell fair trade coffee in more than 20 nations, and was responsible for about ten percent of the world's Fair Trade Certified coffee imports, according to the company's literature. I encourage you to continue your dialogue with Alisdair McLean, Aramark's resident district manager.

Sincerely,



Jay Gogue

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cc: The Honorable Garnet Coleman, State Representative
The Honorable M.J. Khan, Houston City Council member
Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo
Alisdair McLean, Aramark Resident District Manager

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