

June 13, 2017

Donald J. Trump  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As leading business, labor and civil society organizations, we join together to call on your Administration to take concerted action in 2017 to continue the critical fight against international bribery and corruption.

Systemic corruption erodes trust in democratic institutions and rule of law, misallocates and wastes scarce resources, creates instability, and exacerbates security threats. Foreign business bribery in particular penalizes U.S. companies and workers, impedes exports, distorts free and fair competition, and, as a result, undermines economic growth and sustainable development. It is a fundamentally unfair trade practice.

Responsible businesses and previous administrations have recognized that the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) is an important element of how U.S. companies do business abroad. Since 1977, U.S. companies have worked hard to comply with the FCPA and have helped transform for the better the way businesses operate overseas. The United States has led efforts to secure important international political and legal commitments to combat bribery and reduce the solicitation of bribes by government officials. However, not all countries have committed to stop their companies from engaging in overseas business bribery, and too few countries are following through on the commitments they have made, both in regulating the conduct of their companies and in curbing demands for bribes by their own officials. This leads to a distorted playing field in which firms committed to compliance are disadvantaged. Your leadership will be essential to the success of international efforts to prevent bribery and level the global playing field for law-abiding businesses.

We urge your Administration to take vigorous action this year on two vitally important fronts.

1. First, the Administration must secure vigorous, consistent enforcement of foreign bribery laws by all G20 countries. There are forty-one countries that are signatories to the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, under which they have agreed to adopt and enforce laws broadly comparable to the U.S. FCPA. Unfortunately, according to international experts, only four countries are actively enforcing the Convention. All countries should take concrete steps to strengthen implementation and enforcement of their foreign bribery laws.
2. Second, the Administration needs to ensure that all G20 countries, including major emerging economies such as China and India, become signatories to and full partners in key anti-corruption agreements such as the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention by the end of 2018. The

G-20 Leaders meeting in Germany this July will be crucial, since G-20 commitments in this respect have not yet been fully implemented by all G-20 countries.

Mr. President, a concerted push to stem international business bribery would make an important contribution to strengthening the U.S. economy, reforming international business practices, and promoting sustainable growth and development. Your leadership can make the difference in accomplishing this objective. We stand ready to work with your team to achieve these important results.

Respectfully yours,

Coalition for Integrity  
The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
United States Council for International Business  
International Corporate Accountability Roundtable

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