



There are 168 million children in the global workforce today; 85 million work in hazardous conditions. Several factory tragedies in Bangladesh have resulted in lives lost, including those of children. The loss of income earners has also forced

children into work to survive. We need action to prevent further workplace tragedies.

The Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh is an initiative that will help. This agreement requires companies with suppliers in Bangladesh to make factories safe — to fund and submit to recommendations from independent building inspectors, make mandatory repairs and renovations, compensate workers and families for lost wages, as well as publicly report on their efforts.

I strongly urge Canadian retailers* to take a key step in preventing further factory tragedies and sign the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh.

***Leading Canadian Retailers with Suppliers in Bangladesh: Canadian Tire (Mark's and Sport Chek) / Target Canada / Walmart Canada / Costco Wholesale Corporation / The Children's Place / YM Inc. (Bluenotes, Stitches, Urban Planet, Sirens, Suzy Shier) / Gap Inc. / Giant Tiger Stores Limited / Hudson's Bay Company / Carter's Inc.**

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Please send the completed petitions to:

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We will compile all the petitions and present them to Canadian Retailers.