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I'm delighted to add my voice to those celebrating the Fair Labor Association's 25th anniversary.

For the last quarter century, the FLA has worked to put a more human face on the global economy by protecting workers from abusive and exploitative labor practices.

As President, I was proud to convene the Apparel Industry Partnership to ensure that products purchased by American consumers were not made by people working in deplorable, inhumane conditions. That groundbreaking coalition, which grew into the Fair Labor Association, is a testament to the power of diverse groups working together to drive progress around a common goal in new and creative ways. In this case, it was manufacturers, consumer groups, labor and human rights organizations, and universities uniting to end sweatshop labor and widen the circle of opportunity for millions of individuals.

Congratulations to Jeff Vockrodt and everyone at the Fair Labor Association on 25 years of making a positive difference for workers around the world, and reminding us that no one should have to put their safety or their dignity on the line to support themselves or their family. Best wishes for a wonderful celebration, and many more years of impact.

*Bill Clinton*