

The Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in support of the Customs Amendment Bill which would enforce the banning of goods that have been produced through the slave labor of Uyghurs in China.

As a free democratic country that stands for human rights not only in our country but in the international community as well – allowing the importation of products produced through forced labor of minorities in concentration camps would demonstrate to the Australian public and the international community poor moral values and integrity. Australia should be at the forefront in condemning these actions by the Chinese Communist Party and support this stance by banning goods made in this manner.

My family – being Uyghurs, have escaped from China. We have been appalled by the recent actions taken place in Xinjiang. We have been proud to accept Australia as our home – but to see little action taken by our government brings about a feeling of hopelessness and injustice. I ask that you please consider passing this bill in support of human rights – not only within our country, but within our region too.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission,