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No expenditure is required for this evaluation beyond the reallocation of available staff resources.

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Establishing an official city policy that no public funds shall be used in the purchase of goods made under the deplorable, inhumane conditions of a sweatshop and that the Board of Estimates, in conjunction with city staff, evaluate current purchasing decisions and create a purchasing policy to achieve the greatest possible furtherance of this policy no later than July 19, 2005.

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WHEREAS, the City of Madison and its residents have long recognized the importance of international human rights and the continuous struggle for human dignity; and,

WHEREAS, across the globe, the basic human rights of workers are violated in an economic race to the bottom that subjugates human dignity to corporate profits; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is not only a regulator within its own borders but a purchaser of goods and services in the broader marketplace; and,

WHEREAS, the City has previously recognized its responsibility in the market place to spend tax dollars ethically, as demonstrated by the city's living wage ordinance that ensures the city doesn't create poverty-level jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison finds there to be a public interest in avoiding subsidies to vendors and contractors who maintain sweatshop working conditions, including below-subsistence wages; excessively long working hours; unhealthy and unsafe working environments, child, indentured, prison and slave labor; disregard for local and international labor laws and workplace regulations; disregard for fundamental women's rights; and repression of worker's rights to assemble and bargain collectively; and,

WHEREAS, the sweat-free procurement policies of Universities, including our own University of Wisconsin-Madison, in addition to international pressure, have already effected significant, positive changes in the working conditions of many developing countries; and,

WHEREAS, a growing number of cities and states have established sweat-free purchasing policies and are acting in concert to leverage their buying power to effect positive changes in the worldwide market place;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison establish as official city policy that no public funds shall be used in the purchase of goods made under the deplorable, inhuman conditions of a sweatshop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Estimates, in conjunction with city staff, evaluate current purchasing decisions and create a purchasing policy through ordinance amendments or other means to achieve the greatest possible furtherance of this policy, and report back to the Council with it recommendations to the Common Council no later than July 19, 2005.