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Dear [Supplier],

Our organization has made a commitment to work toward equitable supply chains. With Design for Freedom by Grace Farms, we are working to create new outcomes in terms of material transparency in the products we specify and procure on our projects. We invite you to be a collaborator in this important work.

Almost 25 million people are working in forced labor conditions and close to 160 million children from the ages of five to 17 are subjected to child labor globally. Modern slavery found in the construction industry is rife with forced labor, with exploitation occurring on both sides of the building life cycle: raw material production and the construction site.

Design for Freedom by Grace Farms has an audacious mission to harness the power of the built environment for justice to create market transformation by removing forced labor from the building materials supply chain. Our movement of industry experts and thought leaders is working together to illuminate forced labor in building materials supply chains and to develop and incorporate an anti-slavery ethos into the design and construction process.

Our project team is fully supporting this movement and would like to ask for your participation to help us to achieve our goal of greater material transparency.

## How to take action:

1. Let's start a dialogue:
  - Share this letter and its message internally at your company to provide context for requests
  - Respond directly to this letter to confirm your participation and start the conversation
  - Forward this message to your suppliers
2. Learn more about forced labor issues within the building materials supply chain:
  - [\*Design for Freedom Report\*](#)
  - [\*Design for Freedom Toolkit\*](#)
3. We will be asking you to complete the attached supplier questionnaire prior to procurement to highlight material transparency on this project.

We sincerely appreciate your commitment to this effort.

Signed,

[Owner] [Designer] [Contractor]