

Starbucks: Take responsibility for the milk you use



Dear Starbucks Manager,

I am a customer of Starbucks and I am also a supporter of the National Farm Worker Ministry. I have come here today to inform you that I, along with many other people of faith and conscience support justice for farm workers who are some of the lowest paid, most exploited workers in the United States.

The women and men who provide you with the milk to make lattes, cappuccinos, frappes and other products urgently need your help. These workers, employed on Darigold member dairies in the Pacific Northwest, have faced sexual discrimination, violations of the law, and long hours with no rest or meal breaks. To make matters worse, many of these workers have been retaliated against for speaking out, lost their jobs, and in the case of the “Darigold Dozen,” been sued for complaining about not receiving legally mandated breaks.

Some Darigold dairies have made a practice of sexual harassment. The harassers keep their jobs and the women get fired. **It’s time to take sexual harassment out of the supply chain.**

Your mission statement talks about inspiring and nurturing the human spirit. To date, consumers, elected officials, even dairy workers themselves have called on Starbucks corporate headquarters to live up to this mission and take action. But to date, nothing has changed. For that reason, I’m now asking that you add your voice to our call for justice and corporate responsibility. By demanding that Darigold immediately meet with the United Farm Workers to resolve this situation, Starbucks can truly demonstrate its commitment to social responsibility.

Starbucks is a major buyer of Darigold* milk. It needs to take social responsibility for the products it uses to make profits from.

Sincerely,

Your customer

(Name, City, State)

*Even if the packaging of the milk does not say “Darigold”, that does not mean it was not sourced from this company.