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Dear Mr. Levin,

With this letter I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has provided to Georgia in its endeavor to comply with International Labour Standards. We highly appreciate your desire to continue your support to our country as we progress towards meeting international standards.

The Georgia Law on Occupational Safety has been adopted in March, 2018, together with amendments to the Law on Entrepreneurial Activity. It regulates the right and responsibilities of state authorities, employers, employees, as well as representatives of employees, to ensure safe and healthy working conditions. The new law granted Labour Conditions Inspection Department of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia an increased mandate to inspect health and occupational safety of workers employed in high risk, hard, harmful and hazardous sectors.

As we start enforcement of new law, we would like to seek your support in building capacity of Labour Conditions Inspection Department, assisting in public awareness raising on issues of occupational safety, assisting in approximation of Georgian legislation to international labour standards, etc.

Once again, on behalf of Government of Georgia, I express my sincere gratitude for your support and I am looking forward to our future cooperation.

Sincerely,

Minister David Sergeenko