

Lbrands

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 12.

First, we want to make certain that you were aware that our business had no programs or business relationships in the XUAR region — currently, or to the best of our knowledge, at any time in the past decade. We did not have arrangements to source, either directly or indirectly, cotton fiber or other raw materials in the region. In fact, we didn't have suppliers in any of the provinces of western China, including XUAR. Our list of Tier 1 apparel factories is publicly available [here](#).

While many companies were attracted to expanding cotton production in the XUAR, we opted to source cotton raw material supplies elsewhere including cotton fiber from the United States, India and Burkina Faso. In our case, none of our major suppliers were connected to — or interested in — the cotton textile operations in the XUAR region. For this and other reasons, L Brands never initiated supplier relationships in XUAR.

Our current policies designate a list of specific countries where we source cotton fiber. In developing that list, we took into account a number of factors, including human rights. The list of countries is as follows:

- Australia
- Benin
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Egypt
- India
- Mali
- Peru
- Turkey
- U.S.A.
- Vietnam

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to respond to your inquiry.