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Dear Ms Balbin,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 5, 2022, containing general descriptions of allegations of trafficking in persons for purposes of forced labor, affecting tenant farmers and their families in Malawi.

We appreciate your efforts to support human rights in general and in fighting trafficking in persons and forced labor specifically. Pyxus International Inc. and its subsidiaries, including Alliance One Tobacco (Malawi) Limited (AOTM), are committed to protecting human rights throughout its supply chain. We, therefore, take your letter and the allegations contained in it very seriously and we appreciate engaging in constructive dialogue in that regard.

As we previously explained to your colleagues, your letter only reached us on August 22, 2022. We are therefore unable to submit a comprehensive response within 60 days of the date of the letter. However, please accept this letter as notice of our intent to send you our response within the coming days.

Sincerely yours,



P. Sikkel
President and CEO