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To whom it may concern

Regarding the coming World Economic Forum being held on September 11 - 13th.

Please put the case forward for decisions that will benefit the whole population of the world and not just increase the wealth of the multinational companies who will be attending.

People are dying in slave labour camps all over the world to create cheap trinkets to give us the illusion that we have some quality of life. The environment is being rendered unsustainable and if things continue in this vain, will become unsupportable for rich and poor alike. We are not being turned into a global village, we are being turned into a global slave labour camp.

Please look to the future. And take a look around you. Fortunes come and they go. People who are on top one moment can be at the bottom of the heap in another moment depending on the fickle finger of fate - and this can apply to you and your children and your children's children.

I was raised on stories about my grandfather and great-grandfather's generation, their mansion, tennis courts, their jewellery, their money - I don't have that now. The tide may turn again and I again may enjoy the wealth that my grandparents knew however having enjoyed the other side of the coin, I also feel for people who just want to work, but whose livelihoods are stolen by cheap articles made by people under slave conditions, putting local artisans out of business.

Please be larger sighted.

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