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As revealed in the news concerning the pandemic, many of Zhengzhou's Foxconn workers, revealing that Foxconn employs massive amounts of dispatch labor far exceeding its legal ratio of all employees as stipulated by laws. It did not provide dispatch workers with proper labor contracts and

social benefits, severely violating Chinese labor law.

10月30日，苹果公司在社交媒体上发布声明称：“我们非常关心员工的健康，并正在采取一切必要措施，以确保员工的安全。”——苹果公司在声明中称，所有员工都将被隔离，直到他们完全康复为止。

Foxconn’s mother company Hon Hai released a statement on October 30<sup>th</sup> saying that they will make improvements, but continued to affirm closed-loop management practices—this is undoubtedly a kind of forced labor. The government’s demands should not give excuses for companies to enact forced labor. Foxconn is still choosing to prioritize profit over workers’ health and human rights.

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Also, Chinese state media’s reporting has still not adequately accounted for the workers’ conditions. As information is tightly controlled by China’s ruling party, we need an independent third party to investigate to uncover the truth to the world. As Foxconn’s main order source whose products are purchased by consumers across the world, Apple has the responsibility to call for such an investigation, under the supervision of international trade unions (including US unions and the International Trade Union Confederation).

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We request that these questions be answered under an independent investigation authorized by Apple:

1. There were outbreaks in the factory in the middle of October, creating harsh conditions that affected even those who were not infected. Why did Foxconn wait until October 30<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge this? What was Foxconn hiding and why?
2. How many Foxconn workers contracted COVID in October?
3. How many Foxconn workers died in October? What are the causes of death?
4. Who authorized the order to forbid the workers from leaving the factory in October? What was the reason?
5. Why were there no medical supplies given to the infected workers?
6. Why was there chaos over the distribution of basic necessities in the factory area?
7. What were Foxconn’s standards for workers’ housing conditions during isolation? How many

people were isolated in October?

8. Why were there not enough isolation areas equipped with adequate basic supplies for the workers?

9. How many dispatch workers are currently hired by Zhengzhou's Foxconn factory? Why are they not fully employed?

11. Are there signs of forced labor during the period of closed-loop production?

Are there workers whose movements have been forcibly restricted during the period of closed-loop production? Who were the people implementing these policies?

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In addition, we demand that Apple and Foxconn:

- Respect that workers' rights are more important than the companies' profit, that workers' freedoms and health are more important than the employers' production plan
- Immediately stop violating workers' personal freedoms
- Find out who has been responsible for violently restricting workers' freedoms
- Guarantee all workers' lives and health
- Fairly compensate workers who have been harmed by the closed-loop production regiment
- Provide enough food and protective gear to workers
- If cases begin to spike again, prioritize workers' health and pause the production process when needed
- Provide travel stipends for workers wishing to return home

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XXX / *Supporting organizations:*

Students For Hong Kong

Labour Movement Solidarity with Hong Kong (XXX/UK)

Borderless Movement / XXXXXX (XXX/Hong Kong)

China Labor Watch / 中国劳工观察 (中国/US)

Sedane Labour Resource Centre / Lembaga Informasi Perburuhan Sedane (印尼/Indonesia)

Dove and Crane Collective (中国/US)

Forum Arbeitswelten / 论坛 (德国/Germany)

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