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Mr. Mark Machin
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Re: CPPIB Investments in Palantir

Dear Mr. Machin,

It has been little over a year since the CPPIB finally agreed with my call to end investment in privatized American prisons that have been identified in the human rights abuses committed against migrant families. Therefore, I was very surprised to learn that you have opted to shift investments into the very technologies that have been used to target those families. The decision to invest \$244 million of Canadian pension savings in the surveillance giant Palantir Technologies, Inc. raises many red flags. In fact, the CCPIB has become the second largest institutional Palantir shareholder. This has made Canadian pension savings complicit in the use of technologies that raise serious questions of ethical and human rights violations.

This past September Amnesty International released a damning report on Palantir's complicity with human rights abuses perpetrated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE). Entitled [Failing to Do Right: The Urgent Need for Palantir to Respect Human Rights](#) the report details the extent of Palantir's involvement that lead to mass raids and force separation of children from their parents, and locking them in cages. From the report:

Instead of substantively addressing the human rights risks of its contracts with ICE, Palantir has sought to deflect and minimize its responsibility. Moreover, the company has not provided evidence of due diligence steps it has taken to prevent its technology being used to facilitate human rights violations by ICE.

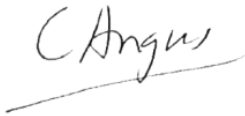
In 2017, ICE relied on Palantir technology to arrest parents and caregivers of unaccompanied children, leading to detentions and harming children's welfare. Similarly, ICE has used Palantir technology to plan mass raids, as with raids that ICE carried out in Mississippi in August 2019, which led to the separation of children from their parents and caregivers, causing irreparable harm to families and communities. These raids in turn led to cases of prolonged detention and deportations. Palantir's ICM and FALCON technology facilitated these operations by enabling DHS/ICE to identify, share information on, investigate, and track migrants and asylum-seekers to effect arrests and workplace raids.

While Amnesty International's findings only came out this past September, knowledge of ICE's activities and Palantir's involvement requires only cursory research. It would be shocking to believe that the CPPIB were not aware of these facts before making your decision to spend almost a quarter of a billion dollars to invest in this company.

Mr. Machin, what worries me most of all is that through this investment, you have not only signaled that CPPIB does not seem to care about human rights records of the companies that you invest in, but you have made every single Canadian, who has paid into the Canadian Pension Plan, now complicit in these human rights abuses.

I ask that you seriously reconsider the purchase of these stocks, and that you divest immediately into companies that take human rights and human lives seriously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C Angus', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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