

April 19, 2011

The Honorable Mary L. Schapiro  
Chairman  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street NE  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Chairman Schapiro,

In November I listened to a heart-wrenching story about a Congolese woman who had been brutally raped so that my cell phone could vibrate. The most staggering part about her story is that she is one of 11,000 women to date who have been victims of this crime.

My name is Elizabeth Krupka and I am a junior communication major at Cabrini College. Cabrini is a school that has interwoven social justice with a standard liberal arts curriculum. During my time at Cabrini I have studied several foreign affairs issues; however, none has been as close to my heart as the war over conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With my skills as a journalist and the interview of a 25-minute audio documentary, I have realized the devastation that my iPhone caused in the Congo.

As a consumer of products that contain conflict minerals I want to urge the Securities and Exchange Commission to make sure that there are rules to regulate the exchanging and mining of these minerals. I am in complete support of the comprehensive rules to implement the Congo conflict minerals to the fullest possible extent. I would prefer to purchase technology that is conflict mineral free. Knowing how society works, they will also catch wind and realize (much like after the movie "Blood Diamonds,") that they too would rather have a free conscience when turning on their televisions.

The Congo will benefit greatly from these provisions. They will be able to stand on their own feet, without much aid from the United States, also helping the surrounding countries. Not only will it help the Congo, but it will allow for millions of consumers to feel more confident about their purchases.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Krupka