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Commissioner Luis A. Aguilar
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
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Dear Commissioner Aguilar:

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of the full-page ad that Oxfam America and allies placed in the Wall Street Journal on February 14, 2012 in relation to implementation of Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protect Act by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Oxfam America agrees with prominent Senators and Members of the House of Representatives who have written to the SEC in the last few weeks arguing that the SEC should resist industry pressure to release a weak rule that does not follow the clear statutory language and legislative intent of Section 1504 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Sincerely

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## When oil companies pay governments

around the world for access to oil and gas, the deals are very hush-hush. In an effort to curb corruption, stem violence and boost energy security, Congress passed a law requiring companies to disclose those payments to host governments. But companies are still fighting to keep their tax and other payments secret from investors and communities.

They may even sue.

Tell oil companies to stop fighting transparency at oxfamamerica.org/transparency











