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Dear friends,

We hope that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. We are members of the Leadership Team of Pax Christi Illinois, the state chapter of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement, <https://paxchristiusa.org/>.

Today we write concerning the health and well-being of our neighbors -- your workers at the Diversi-Pak factory in West Chicago. It has come to our attention that at least 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infections have been found -- all of whom are Latino. In a County where there have been more than 6,000 COVID-19 cases and more than 300 deaths, we are concerned about all the other West Chicago workers and their families and all of DuPage County, in this time of crisis.

For this reason we urge you to do the following:

- **Immediately close all production so that there is a complete cleaning and sterilization of the entire factory, guaranteed and inspected by the Illinois Department of Health and OSHA.**
- **Offer two weeks of paid sick leave to all factory workers (that is, 14 days of quarantine) to minimize the spread of the virus in your workforce.**
- **Test all Diversi-Pak workers for the COVID-19 virus as soon as possible and only when found virus free, bring workers back to the factory.**

We also encourage you to deepen your respect for the human dignity of all your workers and all their families; recognizing that in times of crisis and even in times without a crisis, people should come first. Our response to this pandemic should not divide us as a nation or a workforce. We believe that companies that are trying to do the right thing for their workers should be given priority by federal and state government for aid and low-interest loans to survive this crisis.

Sincerely,

Nancy Oetter, PCIL Coordinator;

Tom Cordaro, PC USA Ambassador of Peace;

And all the above members of the Board of Directors