

Valero Energy response to concerns with its disclosure statement under California Transparency in Supply Chains Act

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Valero Energy and the nine other companies named), to respond to the following item:

[“When SB 657 Compliance is Transparent but Indifferent”](#), Ed Marcum, Humanity United, June 25, 2014

Valero sent the response below. All responses / non-responses by companies to this commentary [are available here](#).

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the commentary. I take issue with the author’s assertion that Valero is a company that “demonstrate(s) a lack of concern about the issue” of human trafficking.

To the contrary, Valero has made this clear: As an independent petroleum refiner and marketer, Valero’s main supply chain involves acquiring crude petroleum oil and other petroleum feedstocks for processing into finished petroleum products (as well as acquiring materials like catalyst necessary for the operations of its refineries). Valero believes this type of supply chain is not inherently susceptible to violations of slavery and human trafficking laws. Thus, while Valero has not undertaken action with the intent of specifically addressing California Civil Code Sections 1714.43(c)(1) – (c)(5), Valero recognizes and respects all labor and employment laws, including those addressing slavery and human trafficking, wherever Valero operates.

I invite you to learn more about Valero’s business practices here:

[http://media.valero.com/flash/socialreport/srr.html#/Social Responsibility Report 2011/1](http://media.valero.com/flash/socialreport/srr.html#/Social%20Responsibility%20Report%202011/1)