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Thomas F. Larkins
Corporate Secretary
Applied Materials, Inc.
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[via post mail and corporatesecretary@amat.com]

Re: Stockholder Proposal 2019

Dear Mr. Larkins:

Enclosed please find my stockholder proposal for inclusion in our proxy materials for the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders and a letter confirming my Applied Materials shares. I will continuously hold these shares until the 2019 annual meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at zhao.cpri@gmail.com or 1-925-643-5034.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jing Zhao". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jing Zhao

Enclosure: Stockholder proposal
Letter of shares

Stockholder Proposal on Public Policy Committee

Resolved: stockholders recommend that Applied Materials, Inc. (the Company) establish a Public Policy Committee of the Board of Directors to oversee the Company's policies including human rights, governmental regulations and international relations affecting the Company's business.

Supporting Statement

The Company's current Audit Committee, Human Resources and Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Nominating Committee, Strategy Committee and Investment Committee are not adequate to deal with the very complicated challenges and high risks of the Company's business related to public, especially international policies.

The Company recognized that "supply chains are core to our success" in 2018 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, but the mere membership of Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) has nothing to do with "global best practices" or "high standards" (p.ix). For example, some very irresponsible companies (such as Foxconn and Huawei) are also members of this RBA club (<http://www.responsiblebusiness.org/about/members/>).

Although the Company stated that "We maintain the highest ethical standards in interactions with employees, customers, suppliers, competitors and public" (ibid.), there are only six sentences in the "International Business Conduct and Human Rights" section of the Company's Standards of Business Conduct (http://www.appliedmaterials.com/files/english_sbc_rev1.pdf). They are either too general expectations without any meaningful enforcement (such as supply chains in China), or too narrow prohibitions irrelevant to the Company's business (such as of child labor).