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NEW YORK - On Thursday, December 11, China Labor Watch (CLW) will provide testimony at a Congressional hearing titled “Working Conditions and Factory Auditing in the Chinese Toy Industry”. Organized by the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC), the hearing is based on an investigative report published by CLW in November which revealed continuing labor violations in Chinese toy factories that supply to top U.S.-based toy companies that include Mattel, Disney, Hasbro, and Crayola. The hearing will be headed by CECC chair Senator Sherrod Brown.

CLW Executive Director Li Qiang will present testimony examining recent investigative findings and the underlying causes of widespread labor violations. The full text of his testimony is here. Other witnesses at the hearing will include William S. Reese, Member of the ICTI CARE Foundation Governance Board; Earl Brown, China Program Director of Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO; and Brian Campbell, Director of Policy and Legal Programs at the International Labor Rights Forum.

The hearing is being held at the Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC 212-10 Washington DC 20510 on Thursday, December 11 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

The hearing is open to the public and media. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to: deidre.jackson@mail.house.gov

The hearing can also be watched online on the CECC website.

About China Labor Watch:
Founded in 2000, China Labor Watch is an independent not-for-profit organization. For more than a decade, CLW has collaborated with labor organizations and the media to conduct in-depth assessments of factories in China that produce toys, bikes, shoes, furniture, clothing, and electronics for some of the world’s largest brand companies. CLW’s New York office creates reports from these investigations, educates the international community on supply chain labor issues, and pressures corporations to improve conditions for workers.

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