To Mr. Buckley, Mr. Davis, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Davis:

We write to you as representatives of the Achuar Nationality of Peru and the Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampis Nation, Indigenous peoples of the Peruvian Amazon. We hereby seek to make you aware of your complicity in serious threats to the well-being of our peoples and hope to initiate a dialogue to find a different way forward.

For decades, oil companies have tried to drill in Block 64: an oil block created in our territory without due consultation or consent of our communities. For decades, we have rejected these companies, one after another. Over the years, we have pushed oil companies like Occidental, Talisman and GeoPark out of our territories. Now, another company, the state oil company Petroperú, is trying to enter Block 64.

There is a common thread among these companies that have attempted to violate our land rights, the well-being of our communities, and the health of our lands: they are all funded by financial institutions like Vanguard. In fact, Vanguard is actively helping finance Petroperú's operations by buying its bonds and then selling them to clients in exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Despite the oil spills caused by companies like Petroperú and the human rights impacts suffered by so many communities, financial institutions like Vanguard continue to invest in them as if nothing had happened. As one of the world's largest asset management companies, Vanguard's investments can influence the companies in which it invests: companies that have a direct impact on our lives. Vanguard has already recognized the importance of engaging with local and indigenous communities. Therefore, the company has a responsibility to act and ensure that our rights are respected.

We hereby notify you that we will be traveling to Vanguard’s headquarters in Malvern, Pennsylvania on September 23rd. This is why we are writing to request a meeting with Vanguard's leadership team to explain the harmful consequences of Vanguard's funding and work to find a new way forward that strengthens Vanguard's respect for the rights of Indigenous peoples.

We look forward to hearing from you by Friday, September 16th.

Sincerely,

Nelton Yankur Antich, President of the Peruvian Federation of Achuar Nationalities
Teófilo Kukush, Pamuk of the Wampis Nation