**SAMPLE LETTER ON GREENER BUILDINGS**

Dear \_\_\_,

The climate crisis poses an existential threat to our world, and the rise of extreme weather is already disrupting our economy and our lives. That is why we are asking to work with company name in doing our part for a sustainable future.

Union name is joining with other unions from around the world in asking employers to partner with us to reduce carbon emissions by greening the buildings where we work.

Buildings and construction are responsible for 39 per cent of all carbon emissions globally, with operational emissions (from energy used to heat, cool, and power buildings) accounting for 28 per cent, according to the United Nations Environment Program.

Together, we can lower those emissions by working together to reduce or eliminate negative environmental impacts from our worksite. We believe that a greener workplace would be a positive, ecologically and economically, as we would save on expenditures such as electricity and water use.

There are a number of ways we can make a building ‘green’. These include:

* Using energy, water, and resource efficient appliances and lighting
* Using renewable energy, such as solar energy
* Enabling re-use of supplies and recycling
* Using materials for building and cleaning that are non-toxic, ethical, and sustainable
* Training employees about energy efficient and environmentally friendly practices

We kindly ask for a meeting to discuss how we can climate proof our workplace as soon as possible.

Workers and employers are already benefitting from greener buildings, through healthier workplaces that consume less energy and water. We would like to work with you to do our part. Together, we can make a difference.