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Dear Members of the California Congressional Delegation:

As Congress considers reform to the nation's immigration policy, I encourage you to reflect on the importance that immigration reform will have on California's agricultural sector. As the largest agricultural producer in the nation, our farmers and ranchers need a reliable agricultural workforce – one that enhances the economy of California, provides for our diverse food supply, and is beneficial to growers and farm workers alike.

California's agricultural workforce averages approximately 400,000 individuals, of which it is estimated that approximately two-thirds are undocumented workers. Farm worker demographics have also shifted and no longer are the majority of farm workers young single males – half are married and have children. According to public reports, there are more than 500,000 children of undocumented farm workers nationally, 70 percent of which are U.S. citizens. For economic and moral reasons, the nation's immigration policy needs to be reformed to provide a path to citizenship and reflect the realities that exist throughout our farming communities.

We are highly supportive of the Agricultural Workforce Coalition (AWC) and the United Farm Workers (UFW) agreement which addresses sector specific solutions for the nation's agricultural community. This agreement contains measures that create much needed stability (short and long-term) for the agricultural workforce. A critical element of this agreement, which is essential for California and the nation, is the ability for experienced agricultural workers, currently working in the United States, to have a separate pathway for legal status – one that meets a set of establish conditions and also requires continued work in the agricultural sector for period of several years. The unique nature of agriculture – the seasonality of planting and harvesting - requires a stable and reliable workforce. We are hopeful that reform of the nation's immigration policy acknowledges the sector specific needs of agriculture.

We respectfully request that the California Congressional Delegation support the passage of national immigration reform and include agricultural sector provisions

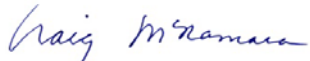


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mutually agreed upon by farmers, ranchers and farm workers as represented in the AWC/UFW agreement. Only with your leadership will national immigration reform occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Craig McNamara  
President

cc: Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture