

STATEMENT OF FARMWORKER ORGANIZATIONS
JUNE 12, 2007
LA PAZ, KEENE, CALIFORNIA

We the farm worker organizations representing regions with 95% of farm workers from around the United States convened in Keene, California, to reflect on the implications of the comprehensive immigration reform proposal before Congress.

We are united in our efforts to urge Congress and the President of the United States to move the process forward. Although we continue to have concerns about aspects of the comprehensive bill that need to be addressed, we believe that in order to meet the realities of our communities, we must work together to ensure that comprehensive immigration reform, which includes AgJOBS and the DREAM ACT, is enacted this year.

If our broken immigration system isn't fixed, then farm workers will continue to be abused, the agricultural industry will be without a stable workforce, and the safety of the nation's food supply will be in jeopardy.

United Farm Workers (UFW)
Pineros Unidos del Noreste (PCUN)
Farm Labor Organization Committee, AFL-CIO (FLOC)
El Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agricolas (CATA)
Centro Independiente de Trabajadores Agricolas (CITA)
Farmworker Association of Florida
Centro Campesino
National Farm Worker Ministry
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
UFW Foundation
Florida Legal Services
Farmworker Justice

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Media advisory for June 21

****Press Conference June 21 at 11:30AM****

**Farm Workers Join Senators Kennedy and Feinstein to Show Broad Support for AgJobs
Immigration Reform**

*Farm worker leaders and farm workers nationwide
travel to D.C. to say "real fruit requires real people"*

Farm workers and Senators Kennedy (D-MA) and Feinstein (D-CA) will hold a press conference at 11:30 AM Thursday in Russell 301 to show broad support for the AgJobs section of the immigration bill. Fifty farm workers from 15 states will discuss the need for reform at the event and will visit with Senate offices that have not supported AgJobs.

WHAT: Press conference in support of AgJobs immigration reform

WHEN: Thursday, June 21, 11:30 AM ET

WHERE: Russell Senate office building, room #301

WHO: Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA)
Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)
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