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**Letter Sent to All U.S. Senators Today**

Dear Senator:

The United Fresh Produce Association is the national association representing the fresh fruit and vegetable industry. Our competitiveness as an industry is heavily dependent upon a reliable workforce and supporting system of comprehensive immigration laws, due to the inability to mechanize many of our harvesting activities.

The Vitter Amendment (#1375) to the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill seeks to block the Obama Administration's decision to rescind and rewrite its Social Security "No-Match" rule announced today. The Administration's decision was based upon their concern over deficiencies in the rulemaking process that led to federal court intervention blocking its implementation.

Given the deficiencies identified by the judicial branch, it is reasonable to allow the executive branch to revise its regulations to create a more effective and workable enforcement system. Unfortunately, Senator Vitter's amendment would prevent this action by the Administration.

Therefore we strongly urge you to oppose this amendment if it comes to the floor for consideration.

Thank you,



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