

March 17, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As members and supporters of the fresh fruit and vegetable supply chain we strongly urge you to support efforts to reform our nation's outdated agriculture immigration programs. The U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable industry is in crisis due to an ever-worsening shortage of labor. We need your help to build a legal and reliable workforce for our industry.

The first step in this process is for the House to consider the bipartisan reintroduction of The Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 1603). This legislation has been reintroduced by the Chairwoman of Immigration Subcommittee Committee Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and Congressman Dan Newhouse (R-WA) and has the support of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle. Most importantly this effort does exactly what we expect our elected leaders to do, work across the aisle to solve some of our nation's most critical challenges.

Congress, the time is now to support legislation that defends our current workforce and expand opportunities for foreign workers, while ensuring that American workers will always have the first opportunity to fill the needs of farmers. The fresh produce industry relies greatly on foreign labor to harvest the fruit and vegetables that feed not only Americans, but the world. Nothing short of the challenges we faced in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic illustrates the need to address our countries labor workforce shortcomings in food and agriculture production.

For agriculture, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act is the appropriate place to start and we encourage the House of Representatives to pass this legislation. It is critical for the fresh fruit and vegetable industry to remain in business. Our nation's food supply, economy and security depend on it.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

United Fresh Produce Association

**Arizona**

Amerifresh (Tempe, AZ)

Amigo Farms, Inc. (Yuma, AZ)

Arizona Wine Growers Association (Clarkdale, AZ)

Bard Valley Date Growers Association (Yuma, AZ)  
Duncan Family Farms (Goodyear, AZ)  
Griffin Ranches, Inc. (Somerton, AZ)  
ISolve Produce (Nogales, AZ)  
Rousseau Farming (Tolleson, AZ)  
SunFed (Rio Rico, AZ)  
Willie Itule Produce Inc. (Phoenix, AZ)

## **California**

4Earth Farms, LLC (Los Angeles, CA)  
Agriculture Capital Operations (Dinuba, CA)  
American Pistachio Growers (Fresno, CA)  
Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce (San Diego, CA)  
Anthony Vineyards, Inc (Bakersfield, CA)  
Apeel Sciences (Kingsburg, CA)  
Arena Packaging LLC (Arroyo Grande, CA)  
AW (San Diego, CA)  
Babe' Farms, Inc. (Santa Maria, CA)  
Bay Cities Produce Inc (San Leandro, CA)  
BFI Harvesting Inc (Santa Maria, CA)  
Bobalu, LLC (Oxnard, CA)  
Bonduelle (Rialto, CA)  
Bonita Packing Co. (Santa Maria, CA)  
Braga Fresh Family Farms (Soledad, CA)  
Brandt Farms (Reedley, CA)  
Buenaventura Ranch, LLC (Nipomo, CA)  
California Apple Commission (Clovis, CA)  
California Avocado Commission (Irvine, CA)  
California Blueberry Commission (Clovis, CA)  
California Citrus Mutual (Exeter, CA)  
California Farm Bureau Federation (Sacramento, CA)  
California Fresh Fruit Association (Fresno, CA)  
California Giant Berry Farms (Watsonville, CA)  
California Strawberry Commission (Watsonville, California)  
Camarillo Harvesting, LP (Salinas, CA)  
Carrie Stellpflug (San Diego, CA)  
Christopher Ranch (Gilroy, CA)  
Church Brothers Farms (Salinas, CA)  
Coastline Family Farms (Salinas, CA)  
Crisalida Berry Farms, LLC (Oxnard, CA)  
David J. Elliot & Son (Courtland, CA)  
Dayka & Hackett (Visalia, CA)  
DJ Forry Co., Inc. (Reedley, CA)

Dolores Aceves (Paso Robles, CA)  
Dosner Organic Farms (Commerce, CA)  
Driscoll's (Watsonville, CA)  
Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc. (Oxnard, CA)  
Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc. (Salinas, CA)  
Dynapac Harvesting, Inc (Salinas, CA)  
Evolution Fresh (Spreckels, CA)  
Factor IV Solutions, LLC. (Atascadero, CA)  
Field Fresh Foods (Los Angeles, CA)  
Fillmore Piru Citrus (Piru, CA)  
Flavor Wave, LLC. (Visalia, CA)  
Fresco Farms (Santa Maria, CA)  
Frieda's, Inc. (Los Alamitos, CA)  
Garden Valley LLC (Salinas, CA)  
Giddings Berries USA (Monterey, CA)  
Giumarra (Los Angeles, CA)  
Giumarra Vineyards Corporation (Bakersfield, CA)  
GoodFarms (San Diego, CA)  
GreenCoast (Long Beach, Ca)  
Grimmway Farms & Cal-Organic Farms (Bakersfield, CA)  
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California (Salinas, CA)  
Heinzen, LLC (Gilroy, CA)  
Hilltown Packing (Salinas, CA)  
Hronis, Inc (Delano, CA)  
Hygiena (Camarillo, CA)  
Interfresh (Orange, CA)  
iTradeNetwork (Salinas, CA)  
Jasmine Vineyards Inc (Delano, CA)  
Jim Pandol and Co., Inc. (Selma, CA)  
Joe Produce, LLC (Granite Bay, CA)  
Joe Produce, LLC (Salinas, CA)  
La Casa Del Aguacate LLC (Westlake Village, CA)  
Limoneira Company (Santa Paula, CA)  
Live Oak Farms (Le Grand, CA)  
Lucky Star Organics (Salinas, CA)  
McDaniel Fruit Company (Fallbrook, CA)  
Measure to Improve, LLC (Salinas, CA)  
Misionero (Monterey, CA)  
MIXTEC Group (La Crescenta, CA)  
Monterey County Farm Bureau (Salinas, CA)  
Monterey Mushrooms (Watsonville, CA)  
Mountain View Fruit Sales (Reedley, CA)  
Natural Industry Jobs (Orangevale, CA)

Naturipe Farms (Salinas, Ca)  
Naturipe Farms Imports/ Hortifrut Imports, Inc (Oxnard, CA)  
North American Blueberry Council (Folsom, CA)  
Olive Growers Council Of California (Clovis, CA)  
Pacific International Marketing (Salinas, CA)  
PAKS SNACKS, LLC./ The Produce Industry Podcast (Huntington Beach, CA)  
Pandol Bros., Inc. (Delano, CA)  
PDS (King City, CA)  
Plant Tape (Salinas, CA)  
PrimusLabs (Salinas, CA)  
PRO\*ACT, LLC (Monterey, CA)  
PureFresh Sales (selma, CA)  
RC Farms, LLC (Gonzales, CA)  
RC Packing, LLC (Gonzales, CA)  
RedLine Solutions, Inc (Santa Clara, CA)  
Reiter Affiliated Companies (Oxnard, CA)  
Renaissance Food Group (Rancho Cordova, CA)  
Royal Rose LLC (Salinas, CA)  
Sabor farms (Salinas, CA)  
San Diego Farms (San Marcos, CA)  
SCJewell Inc (Aptos, CA)  
Seald Sweet (Chico, CA)  
Seven Seas Fruit (Visalia, CA)  
Sierra Farms, LLC (Moss Landing, CA)  
Spezzano Consulting Service, Inc (Monrovia, CA)  
Sunkist Growers (Valencia, CA)  
SunTerra Produce (Newport Beach, CA)  
Tanimura & Antle (Salinas, CA)  
Tanimura & Antle Fresh Foods, Inc. (Salinas, CA)  
Taylor Farms (Salinas, CA)  
The DiMare Co. (Newman, CA)  
The SF Market (San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market) (San Francisco, CA)  
True Organic Products (Spreckels, CA)  
Western Watermelon Association (Santa Fe Springs, CA)  
Westlake Produce Company (Los Angeles, CA)  
Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. (Bakersfield, CA)  
Wonderful Citrus (Delano, CA)

### **Canada**

Metro Inc. (Montreal, Quebec, CAN)

### **Colorado**

Care and Share Food Bank (Colorado Springs, CO)

Colorado Fruit And Vegetable Growers Association (Eaton, CO)  
Colorado Potato Legislative Association (Monte Vista, CO)  
Fagerberg Produce (Eaton, CO)  
Migrant Education Program (Grand Junction, CO)  
National Onion Association (Eaton, CO)  
Skyline Potato (Center, CO)

### **Connecticut**

NatureSeal, Inc. (Westport, CT)  
Windham IGA (Willimantic, CT)

### **District of Columbia**

Fairtrade America (Washington, DC)  
NAPAR (Washington, DC)  
National Potato Council (Washington, DC)

### **Delaware**

CORTEVA Agriscience (Wilmington, DE)

### **Florida**

A. Duda & Sons, Inc. (Oviedo, FL)  
Ag Mart Produce , dba Santa Sweets Inc (Plant City, FL)  
B&W (Fellsmere, FL)  
Ben Bud Growers (Lighthouse Point, FL)  
Brooks Tropicals (Homestead, FL)  
Cabbage, Inc. (Okeechobee, FL)  
Chefworks (Sarasota, FL)  
Coosemans Interproduce Divisions (Miami, FL)  
Courchesne Larose USA (Pompano Beach, FL)  
Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc. (Oviedo, FL)  
Florida Tomato Exchange (Maitland, FL)  
Fresh Del Monte Produce (Miami, FL)  
Harvest Sensations (Miami, FL)  
IFCO SYSTEMS US LLC (Tampa, FL)  
J&J Produce, Inc (Loxahatchee, FL)  
Kling Strategic Partners LLC (Longwood, FL)  
Lipman Family Farms (Immokalee, FL)  
Mack Farms, Inc. (Lake Wales, FL)  
Pro Citrus Network (Vero Beach, FL)  
Seald Sweet (Vero Beach, FL)  
Village Farms International (Lake Mary, FL)  
Wish Farms (Plant City, FL)

## **Georgia**

Collins Brothers (Forest Park, GA)  
Generation Facilities (Vidalia, GA)  
Grimmway Farms (Lake Park, GA)  
Robinson Fresh (Atlanta, GA)

## **Hawaii**

Manson Products Co., Inc. (Honolulu, HI)

## **Iowa**

Capital City Fruit, Co. (Norwalk, IA)  
Loffredo Fresh Foods (Des Moines, IA)

## **Idaho**

Dapicon, Inc. (Post Falls, ID)  
Idaho Grower Shippers Assoc. (Idaho Falls, ID)  
Potandon Produce (Idaho Falls, ID)  
REYCO Systems, Inc. (Caldwell, ID)  
United Potato Growers of America (Idaho Falls, ID)  
Wada Farms (Idaho Falls, ID)

## **Illinois**

Basciani Foods (Moline, IL)  
Blue Book Services (Carol Stream, IL)  
Central Illinois Produce (Urbana, IL)  
Danaco Solutions, LLC (Highland Park, IL)  
Foodmix Marketing Communications (Elmhurst, IL)  
FreshEdge (Bartlett, IL)  
Frey Farms (Keenes, IL)  
Get Fresh Produce (Campton Hills, IL)  
JAB Produce (Chicago, IL)  
Meyer Farms (Wauconda, IL)  
Produce Alliance (Chicago, IL)  
Produce Pro Software (Woodridge, IL)  
Prosperous Boyles Tree Fruit Orchard & Wine Company (Chicago, IL)  
Sev-Rend (Collinsville, IL)  
Strube Celery and Vegetable Company (Chicago, IL)

## **Indiana**

FreshEdge (Indianapolis, IN)  
Urschel Laboratories, Inc. (Chesterton, IN)

## **Italy**

ABL SRL (Cavezzo, Italy)

## **Kansas**

Balls Food Stores (Kansas City, KS)

## **Kentucky**

Cabbage, Inc. (Crittenden, KY)

Castellini Company (Wilder, KY)

Fresh Connect (Fort Thomas, KY)

Keeney Angus (Nancy, KY)

## **Maine**

Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine (Orono, ME)

## **Massachusetts**

Katsiroubas Produce (Boston, MA)

Sid Wainer & Son (New Bedford, MA)

Ward's Berry Farm (Sharon, MA)

## **Michigan**

Applewood Fresh Growers, LLC (Sparta, MI)

Girardin's Gardens, LLC (Traverse City, MI)

LaGrasso Bros. (Detroit, MI)

Leitz Farms LLC (Sodus, MI)

Mascari Strategies (Belmont, MI)

Mastronardi Produce (Livonia, MI)

Michigan Apple Association (Lansing, MI)

Michigan Asparagus Growers (Hart, MI)

North Bay Produce (Traverse City, MI)

## **Minnesota**

Bushel Boy Farms (Owatonna, MN)

PlantBased16 (Minneapolis, MN)

Robinson Fresh (Eden Prairie, MN)

## **Missouri**

Freelance Merchandiser (Lake Saint Louis, MO)

Ole Tyme Produce Inc. (St. Charles, MO)

The Tom Lange Company (Saint Louis, MO)

## **Montana**

Nutrition for the Future (Bozeman, MT)

### **North Carolina**

Fresh Horizons, LLC (Denver, NC)  
L&M Companies, Inc. (Raleigh, NC)  
Okanagan Specialty Fruits Inc. (Hendersonville, NC)

### **North Dakota**

Black Gold Farms (Grand Forks, ND)

### **New Hampshire**

CMS Technology Inc./ Prevenio (Hales Location, NH)

### **New Jersey**

Bonduelle Fresh America (Florence, NJ)  
Del Monte Fresh Produce (Old Tappan, NJ)  
F&S Produce (Vineland, NJ)  
Integrated Fresh Solutions (Mullica Hill, NJ)  
J. Ambrogi Foods (Thorofare, NJ)  
Seashore Fruit & Produce Co (Vineland, NJ)  
Vision Import Group (Hackensack, NJ)

### **Nevada**

Peri & Sons Farms (Yerington, NV)

### **New York**

A & J Kirby Farms LLC (Albion, NY)  
Agri-Placement Services, Inc. (Rochester, NY)  
American Packaging Corporation (Churchville, NY)  
Baldor Specialty Foods, Inc. (Bronx, NY)  
Big O Farms Inc. (Elba, NY)  
Black Brook Farm (Shortsville, NY)  
Brightly Farms LLC (Hamlin, NY)  
Castle Holsteins (Seneca Castle, NY)  
Convergence Farms LLC (Cortland, NY)  
Crist Bros. Orchards, Inc. (Walden, NY)  
Deer Run Farms LLC (Brookhaven, NY)  
Farm & Country Insurance (Honeoye Falls, NY)  
Fresh Start Produce LLC (Bronx, NY)  
FreshStart (Brinx, NY)  
George W Saulpaugh & Son, Inc. (Germantown, NY)  
Hansen Farms LLC (Stanley, NY)  
Hemdale Dairy LLC (Clifton Springs, NY)  
Hemdale Farms and Greenhouses (Seneca Castle, NY)  
Hudson River Fruit Dist (Milton, NY)



J & M Farms Inc (Elba, NY)  
Jay R Debadts & Sons Fruit Farms LLC (Sodus, NY)  
John, Mark, and Maureen J Torrey Partnership (Elba, NY)  
Joseph Bezon & Son (Byron, NY)  
Kast Farms Inc. (Albion, NY)  
Kirby's Farm Market (Albion, NY)  
Lake Breeze Fruit Farms, Inc. (Sodus, NY)  
Lake Ontario Fruit (Waterport, NY)  
Ledge Rock Farms LLC (Medina, NY)  
Lightland Farms (Stanley, NY)  
New York Apple Association (Fishers, NY)  
New York Apple Sales (Glenmont, NY)  
New York Apple Sales (Newark, NY)  
Novo Arts (New York City, NY)  
Orchard Dale Fruit Co. (Waterport, NY)  
Pedersen Farms, Inc. (Seneca Castle, NY, NY)  
Porpiglia Farms Inc. (Marlboro, NY)  
Reeves Farms LLC (Baldwinsville, NY)  
Root Bros Farms (Albion, NY)  
S. Katzman Produce (Bronx, NY)  
Sandy Knoll Farms, Inc. (Lyndonville, NY)  
Simpelaar Fruit Farms LLC (Lyons, NY)  
Specialty Crop Farm Labor Contractors, LLC (Rochester, NY)  
Teeple Farms Inc (Wolcott, NY)  
Tops Markets (Buffalo, NY)  
Torrey Farms Dairy Inc. (Elba, NY)  
Torrey Farms Inc. (Elba, NY)  
Torrey Farms Inc. Penn Yan (Penn Yan, NY)  
Toussaint Farms LLC (Medina, NY)  
Triple P Farms (Oakfield, NY)  
Turek Farms (King Ferry, NY)  
VanAcker Farms (Williamson, NY)  
Wafler Farms, Inc (Wolcott, NY)  
WD Henry & Sons Inc (Eden, NY)  
Wegmans (Canandaigua, NY)  
Willet Dairy (King Ferry, NY)  
Yoder Farms Fruit Distribution, LLC (Hudson, NY)  
Yonder Fruit Farms, Inc. (Valatie, NY)  
Zingler Farms, Inc (Kendall, NY)

## **Ohio**

Buurma Farms Inc (Willard, OH)  
Cabbage, Inc. (Vermilion, OH)

DNO Produce (Columbus, OH)  
Freshway Foods (Sidney, OH)  
IFCO (New Albany, OH)  
Mucci Farms (Huron, OH)  
Nature Fresh Farms (Delta, OH)  
Peak foods (troy, OH)  
Sirna & Sons Produce (Ravenna, OH)  
Wiers Farm Inc (Willard, OH)

### **Oklahoma**

Frontier Produce (Tulsa, OK)

### **Oregon**

FLM Harvest (Portland, OR)  
Pacific Coast Fruit Company (Portland, OR)

### **Pennsylvania**

Basciani Foods, Inc. (Avondale, PA)  
Four Seasons Produce, Inc. (Ephrata, PA)  
Kegel's Produce (Lancaster, PA)  
LFF (Lancaster, PA)  
M.D. Basciani and Sons, Inc. (Avondale, PA)  
Paragon Foods (Pittsburgh, PA)  
Phillips Mushroom Farms (Kennett Square, PA)  
Pinto Brothers, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)  
Procacci Holdings, LLC (Philadelphia, PA)  
Rice Fruit Company (Carlisle, PA)  
The American Mushroom Institute (Avondale, PA)  
Walter P Rawl & Son's, Inc (Somerset, PA)

### **Dominican Republic**

DP World Caucedo (Santo Domingo D.N, Dominican Republic)

### **South Carolina**

Artisan Food Solutions, LLC (Greenville, SC)  
McEntire Produce (Columbia, SC)  
Titan Farms (Ridge Spring, SC)  
Walter P Rawl & Son's, Inc. (Pelion, SC)

### **Spain**

Dysal CompostPack (Cintruenigo, Navarra, Spain)

## **Tennessee**

Dixie Produce, Inc. (Chattanooga, TN)  
Taylor Farms Tennessee (Smyrna, TN)

## **Texas**

Bebo Distributing (Pharr, TX)  
Cece's Veggie Co (Austin, TX)  
Del Monte Fresh Produce NA (Dallas, TX)  
DLS Events (Conroe, TX)  
DMA Solutions (Dallas, TX)  
Fox Packaging (McAllen, TX)  
Fresh Innovations LLC (Rhome, TX)  
Frontera Produce (Edinburg, TX)  
Grow Farms Texas (McAllen, TX)  
Hardie's Fresh Foods (Dallas, TX)  
Kitchen Pride Mushroom Farms, Inc. (Gonzales, TX)  
Little Bear Produce (Edinburg, TX)  
NatureSweet (San Antonio, TX)  
Produce Alliance (Magnolia, TX)  
Schraad Sales & Marketing (San Antonio, TX)  
Texas International Produce Association (Mission, TX)

## **Utah**

Joe Granato, Inc. (Salt Lake City, UT)  
Mountainland Apples, Inc (Santaquin, UT)

## **Virginia**

Parker Farms (Oak Grove, VA)  
Shenandoah Growers, Inc. (Rockingham, VA)  
U.S. Apple Association (Falls Church, VA)

## **Washington**

Bay Baby Produce.com (Mount Vernon, WA)  
Better-Haul Auto Logistics (Yakima, WA)  
Charlie's Produce (Seattle, WA)  
Crunch Pak (Wenatchee, WA)  
Custom Apple Packers (Wenatchee, WA)  
Domex Superfresh Growers (Yakima, WA)  
Garden Fresh Foods (Woodinville, WA)  
Northwest Horticultural Council (Yakima, WA)  
Sev-Rend (Spokane, WA)  
Superfresh Growers (Yakima, WA)  
Washington State Potato Commission (Moses Lake, WA)

**West Virginia**

Appalachian Orchard Company (Martinsburg, WV)

**Wisconsin**

Alsum Farms, Inc (Friesland, WI)

Maglio Companies (Glendale, WI)

Sunset Orchards (Richland Center, WI)

Wysocki Family of Companies (Bancroft, WI)

cc: U.S. House of Representatives