

Leadership Council

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

The seven affiliated unions and six million members of Change to Win write to thank you for your continued leadership in reintroducing the "AgJOBS" bill (the Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2009), and to pledge our full support for its enactment.

Joseph Hansen
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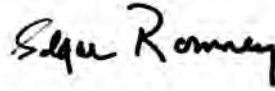
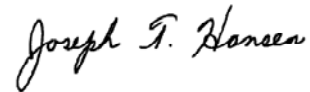
The effects of our broken immigration system on the labor market must be addressed. Farm workers and their families live in fear of deportation, and agricultural growers across the country face worker shortages. AgJOBS would enable farm workers to bargain for better working and living conditions and provide growers a legal stable labor supply by offering undocumented farm workers the chance to come out of the shadows and earn legal status by meeting stringent agricultural-work requirements. It is important that AgJOBS would also revise the H-2A agricultural guestworker program in a balanced manner.

James P. Hoffa
General President
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This bipartisan bill is the product of congressional negotiations and an historic compromise between the United Farm Workers and major agribusiness employers. It also has the full support of hundreds of farmer, worker, and immigrant organizations. Its passage would be a substantial down payment on the kind of comprehensive immigration reform our country needs.

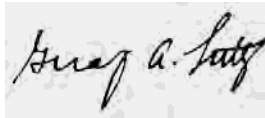
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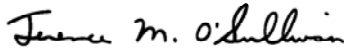
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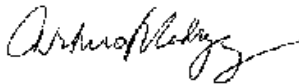
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