



May 12, 2009

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) applauds your efforts to reintroduce the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act, or AgJOBS 2009.

While the importance of this legislation to agriculture is clear, SBLC is concerned about the ripple effects through the American economy if we do not act. Every farming operation in the country that hires labor purchases myriad products and services in the local community. Every operation has payroll, pays property, payroll, and income taxes, and in turn, each farm employee consumes goods and services locally. We believe enactment of this legislation would have a positive effect on rural and farming communities across the country, and on a variety of industries SBLC represents.

Thank you for your leadership in resolving an urgent and important challenge.

Sincerely,

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President & General Counsel

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