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first of all the fact that we have to highlight our support for a bill that should without question be in place disappointing and disheartening. Farm workers are the backbone to our food systems, and to ensure their protection and support on a regular basis and especially during an emergency.

having worked in the food industry for over 15 years, i have relied on my proximity to food to ensure that i was able to eat at all. even in an industry where additional protections aren't always guaranteed, this basic access made it all the more apparent that to ensure that we eat, they must be protected. In addition, i can't help but understand that with rapidly changing climates, if we don't make more of an effort to support them, not only will we not be able to eat but many in my community would be out of work.