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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in strong opposition to SB 999.

As an educator who works every day with the daughters and sons of farmworkers, I cannot tell you how crucial it is to afford the hardworking breadwinners of these families every protection that the law allows.

These workers spend long hours doing backbreaking jobs to support their families. It is lamentable that a handful of special interests are now working to undermine the minimal protections that exist today regarding the safety of their employer-provided housing.

The regulatory authority that exists today for employer-provided farmworker housing must be maintained, if not strengthened. The work that these people do not only puts food on our table, but it is the backbone of our economy.

Do not disrespect farmworkers by undermining the basic housing protections that exist today.

I strongly oppose SB 999.