



STUDENT ACTION WITH FARMWORKERS

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To the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Student Farmworker Alliance, and other members of the Alliance for Fair Food:

We at Student Action with Farmworkers stand by you in your efforts to increase wages, empower farmworkers to have greater decision-making power, and develop a just Code of Conduct for fairness in our agricultural system. As advocates and consumers ourselves, we recognize that we are inextricably linked to the workers upon whom we depend for our food. Yet the agricultural system has always relied on worker exploitation to maximize profits while bringing food to our tables. We join you in your call for national unity and your efforts to fundamentally change the way agriculture works in our society.

SAF envisions:

- a world where students and community members actively work together with farmworkers for justice in the agricultural system
- communities where there is greater interaction, communication, and understanding among people of different backgrounds
- a world in which farmworkers are empowered to take leadership in the farmworker justice movement and their local communities
- a world where consumers will be more aware of where their food comes from, who grows it, harvests it, and packages it, and the conditions of its production

We work so that one day, all farmworkers will have dignity in their labor and livelihood.

We greatly admire and appreciate your ongoing efforts to bring justice to the agricultural industry, and pledge to continue taking part in your nationwide mobilization and awareness-building efforts. We are also interested in offering our support to your ongoing planning as a coalition. Please add our organization to the Alliance for Fair Food, and continue to keep us posted about any upcoming opportunities to lend our voice to this national effort!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Macias', written in a cursive style.

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