



Media Advisory

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Ag Workforce Coalition Leaders Discuss Immigration Reform Proposal for American Agriculture

Washington, D.C. (April 16, 2013)—Leaders from the Agriculture Workforce Coalition (AWC) will be joined this afternoon by United Farm Workers President Arturo Rodriguez at a press conference to highlight the crucial stake American agriculture has in immigration reform. Late last week, a landmark agreement on immigration reform was reached by the AWC, the UFW and key Senators. Provisions based on this agreement form an integral part of the Senate’s comprehensive immigration package, introduced early this morning.

Representing a broad cross-section of agriculture, the AWC members will emphasize why it’s important for immigration legislation to include framework and objectives to ensure America’s farmers, ranchers and growers have access to a secure and stable workforce now and in the future.

When: April 17, 2013, 2:30PM EDT

Where: The National Press Club, West Room
529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045
Call-in Number: 800-277-3988

Who: Chuck Conner, President & CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

Arturo Rodriguez, President, United Farm Workers

Tom Nassif, President & CEO, Western Growers Association

Jerry Kozak, President & CEO, National Milk Producers Federation

Tom Stenzel, President & CEO, United Fresh Produce Association

Mike Stuart, President & CEO, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association

Nancy Foster, President & CEO, U.S. Apple Association

About the Agriculture Workforce Coalition

The Agriculture Workforce Coalition (AWC) brings together organizations representing the diverse needs of agricultural employers across the country. AWC serves as the unified voice of agriculture in the effort to ensure that America’s farmers, ranchers and growers have access to a stable and secure workforce.

To help achieve this goal, the AWC has developed a framework that presents a viable solution to agriculture's labor needs. The proposal includes both an earned adjustment in status for current agricultural employees who presently lack legal status and a program to ensure an adequate farm workforce in the future. Also, unlike current programs such as H-2A, the AWC proposal is meant to ensure that all types of producers—including both those with seasonal labor needs and ones with year-round labor needs—have access to the workforce they need to remain productive and competitive.

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