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August 29, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 2183 (Stone)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 2183 (Stone), which authorizes an undemocratic "representation ballot card election," more commonly known as "card check," which is ripe with opportunities to intimidate agricultural workers in regards to union elections.

This measure violates a right to vote in secret, a fundamental tenet of democracy. Under this process, union organizers can approach farmworkers in person and ask them to sign a card representing their vote for the union. Because these representatives will know how the workers voted, the workers would be more susceptible to intimidation, coercion, and threats of retaliation.

Additionally, AB 2183 allows union representatives to assist workers in filling out their ballot cards and there is nothing preventing union representatives from taking the ballots and turning them in. Clearly, this process is fraught with opportunities for trickery.

Finally, there is nothing wrong with the existing election process. If a majority of workers at a workplace desire to unionize, they can simply vote for it at the worksite in a polling place provided by the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. The process is fair and convenient.

You rightfully vetoed a similar measure (AB 616) last year. For these reasons, I stand with farmworkers and farmers, and I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,



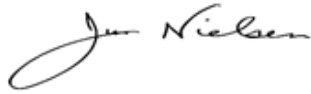
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