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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please authorize the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to apply for state grant funding to create a local Farmworker Resource Center. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to our farmworker community for their service as essential workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and their vital work every day to put food on our tables. The Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program has been a successful model that has helped to improve working conditions for local farmworkers. The program provides an accessible place for farmworkers to receive assistance in navigating public agencies, receive information on wage and hour laws, health and safety laws, resolve workplace disputes and pursue other legal rights. This success has opened the opportunity for state grant funding to expand this program to three other California counties and we hope that Santa Barbara County can be one of them.

Thank you.