

State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 95814



October 17, 1973

The Honorable Leo T. McCarthy, Chairman
Assembly Committee on Labor Relations
Room 4164, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Leo:

I have been informed that your Committee has announced hearings to pursue the matter of comprehensive farm labor legislation for California, and I want to thank you for both recognizing the ongoing need for such legislation and for vigorously pursuing the subject.

I have consistently supported the principle of secret ballot determination for farm workers and continue to do so. As you know, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has supported the principle of the secret ballot for some five years. I heartily commend the Teamsters' record and am pleased to learn that the AFL-CIO has joined in that effort.

Since hope continues to fade for national action in this field, action by California's Legislature is even more urgent. This past summer's experience should leave no doubt about that urgency. The basic right of our citizens whose lives are dedicated to growing and harvesting California's great agricultural bounty to determine for themselves what affiliation they choose, if any, is a right too long denied.

Please be assured of my continuing support for legislation in this field, and my encouragement to your Committee to provide a solution for these people who need the protection of the law as never before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron".

RONALD REAGAN
Governor