



UNITED FARM WORKERS, AFL-CIO

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July 10, 1976

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for agreeing to sponsor our area film showing "Fighting For Our Lives," to be held at Saint Xavier College, July 26, 1976. Your sponsorship will help make this event a success. With your help we are continuing our efforts to win good union contracts, insuring justice and dignity for the farm workers.

I have enclosed two complimentary tickets to the benefit, as well as an addressed envelope to facilitate sending in your donation.

Once again, thank you for your support. I hope that you will join us for the benefit so that I may be able to meet you and thank you personally.

Boycott non-UFW grapes, head lettuce, and Gallo Wines!

¡Sí Se Puede! (Yes, it can be done!)

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June 21, 1976

Dear Friends,

With the passage of the Farm Worker election bill which went into effect August 28th of last year, farm workers for the first time were able to vote for which union if any, they wanted to represent them. Through the election process farm workers indicated that the overwhelming majority wanted to be represented by the United Farm Workers. Of the elections which have taken place, the UFW won the right to represent 68.8% of the workers, Teamsters 25%, and no Union 6.2%. These victories came despite blatant attempts by the growers and Teamsters to subvert the compromise law - which they had promised to support.

February 6th of this year, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board which was appointed by Governor Brown to over see the elections, closed its doors due to lack of funds. A two-thirds majority vote was needed to resume operations. The growers and Teamsters saw a chance to put an end to UFW victories by calling on their friends in the legislature to vote against the funding.

The UFW made attempts to restore funding through a strong lobbying effort and finally by boycotting the products of those growers leading the attack against farm workers' democratic rights. It soon became apparent that we could not rely on the politicians to restore the workers' right to elections. Realizing this, the UFW took the issue directly to the people of California. On April 1st the UFW began an initiative campaign to put the Farm Worker Election Law on the November ballot. In California 312,000 signatures of registered voters are needed to qualify an initiative for the ballot. In thirty days the UFW collected over 700,000 signatures, the most ever collected in that short a period of time.

Now that we have qualified the initiative for ballot status, we now face the most difficult part of the campaign, which is to make sure that the people of California pass the proposition in November. Already the growers are soliciting funds to defeat the proposition. We must match their millions with **our support**. A successful campaign will take hundreds of dedicated volunteers and thousands of dollars to keep them fed and their cars running.

Here in the cities we are launching a major fundraising effort to insure the success of the campaign. We would like to invite you to become a sponsor of an area event. We will be showing "Fighting For Our Lives," the award winning farm worker film. This involves a contribution of \$25.00. Each sponsor will be listed in the program and will receive two complimentary tickets. Checks should be made out to: United Farm Workers and sent to our office, 1300 South Wabash, Chicago, 60605.

With your support, we will win!

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