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Dr. Hector Garcia 1315 Bright St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Brother Garcia:

I want you to know how much we appreciate the support you have given us in our struggle. The support of our brothers and sisters throughout the world gives us real strength. I write now asking for your help in a very important campaign.

During the past months, many community groups have met with supermarket chains asking that they buy only UFW lettuce. Some have responded. Some have not. Safeway, because it is the financial leader of the industry, should really lead the way in accepting its responsibility to farm workers. Yet they have refused to help in any way. So we have found it necessary to begin an international boycott of Safeway stores.

Only ½ of Safeway's markets are in cities where we have fulltime staff. In order to have an effective boycott, we will need boycott activities in many other Safeway locations as well. I have taken the liberty of enclosing some material to help you begin the Safeway boycott in your area. I hope you will be able to help us.

Thank you again for your support. Let us know how we can help you in your work.

Viva la Causa, Chang

Cesar E. Chavez