United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO



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Dr. Hector Garcia, Founder G. I. Forum 3024 Morgan Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

We want to express to you our sincere appreciation for your fine support and continued interest in the welfare of the Rio Grande City strikers and our efforts to organize the farm workers of this State. Far too long, these have been the forgotten men and women of Texas and the Nation.

We are enclosing a copy of the Bill of Particulars which has been previously cleared with you. The original has been mailed to Governor Connally urging him to recommend to the Texas Legislature the enactment of minimum wage legislation of not less than \$1.25 per hour for all Texas workers.

Again we are indebted to you for your support of this needed and necessary legislation. It is our hope that the meeting of the Valley Farm Workers Assistance Committee in San Antonio on September 18 will reach agreement on a centralized program of continued support on two specific fronts:

- (1) the continued support finances, clothing and food for the Rio Grande Farm Workers until they win realistic contracts and secure justice on the job; and
- (2) a state-wide committee for \$1.25 minimum wage whereby various committees in each community can continue to apply political pressure upon legislators as well as raise the necessary financing to maintain public interest throughout the winter and into the 60th Legislative Session which will convene in January 1967.

We urge your continued interest for never has such an opportunity been available if each of us will do his part.

If you have an opportunity to be in Austin, come by and visit with us at our headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

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