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U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Room Number N3626 Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Support Emergency Heat Regulations for Farm Workers

To Who It May Concern:

The summer heat is beginning and the majority of farm workers are still unprotected.

Farm workers are as much as 35 times more likely to die from heat than any other civilian occupation. Climate change is worsening this hazard. In recent years, record-high temperatures have been seen across the country. These extreme temperatures could make thousands of farm workers seriously ill -- and even suffer heat stroke and die.

Heat deaths are preventable tragedies. The prevention is nothing complicated: shade, cool water, rest, education and monitoring. The United Farm Workers has called on OSHA to implement emergency heat rules immediately. We support that call for action.

Sincerely,