



October 7, 2026

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 28- Support if Amended

Dear Senator Hurtado and Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee members,

On behalf of the California Farm Bureau, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 28, Farmworker Resource Centers Act, if amended.

We appreciate the bill's goal to provide workplace education, connection to healthcare providers, housing resources, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Access to these resources will help farm workers understand their workplace rights, prevent injuries, improve workplace communication, and provide opportunities for personal and professional development.

However, Section 2 states that the bill would not require any new funding to implement, but will offer classes at little to no cost. Funding for staffing, facilities, and educational materials is not identified.

We request that the bill clearly states the plan for the funding and implementation of these services. Although the bill requires no new funding and relies on local organizations, classes, materials, and assistance require staff and other resources. The plan should identify existing funding sources and how the services will be sustained. This ensures farmworkers can access services without putting a burden of unnecessary demand on community organizations.

We also recommend that farmers, ranchers, and county farm bureaus be included in program planning. They would be able to help identify specific communities' needs and help coordinate outreach.

The California Farm Bureau supports the bill's goal to provide farmworkers with resources that provide education, assist with legal rights, and give connections to healthcare and housing services. We respectfully request these amendments to SB-28, to provide more reliable and accessible support to farmworkers.

Sincerely,

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