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November 11, 2026

The Honorable Anna Caballero,
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 82 - Support

Dear Senator Caballero,

On behalf of the San Manuel, Pechange, Santa Ynez Chumash, United Auburn, Chukchansi, and Table Mountain, we respectfully support SB 82. This bill strengthens protections for workers exposed to extreme heat by requiring paid cool-down breaks, access to water and shade, emergency response planning, and heat safety training in languages workers understand.

Our coalition believes worker safety is a fundamental responsibility, particularly as California experiences more frequent and severe heat events. We also appreciate the bill's recognition of Indigenous language training and its commitment to ensuring all workers can access important safety information.

Additionally, the creation of the Small Farm Heat Safety Grant Program helps small agricultural employers comply with these requirements while protecting their workforce. By balancing worker protections with financial assistance for employers, SB 82 promotes both public health and economic sustainability.

For these reasons, The Tribal Coalition respectfully urges support for SB 82.

Sincerely,

Katniss Everdeen

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