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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board

RE: Agenda Item #32

Dear Chairwoman Long, and Supervisors Bennett, Huber, Parks, and Zaragoza,

On behalf of the Mixteco/Indígena Community Organizing Project(MICOP), I write regarding Agenda Item #32 for the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting. MICOP stands in support of using \$3.65 million in Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to support the Farmworker Household Assistance Program(FHAP).

MICOP has been involved with the FHAP since its inception and has provided feedback and planning support given our previous experience with the 805 UndocuFund and Governor Newsom's Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants(DRAI).

The FHAP has been a community collaboration that includes farmers, farm worker advocates and community-based organizations. To date, FHAP has received \$320,000 in donations including \$125,000 from the agriculture community, and \$45,000 from individuals who sent gifts ranging from \$5 to \$4000.

Additional support from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds will support farmworkers on the FHAP waitlist. As essential workers during this COVID-19 pandemic, Ventura County farmworkers deserve the type of support provided by the FHAP as we all continue to navigate this new world under COVID-19. Once again, we urge your support in using \$3.65 million in Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to support the FHAP. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Genevieve Flores-Haro, MPA
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