

# Barack Obama

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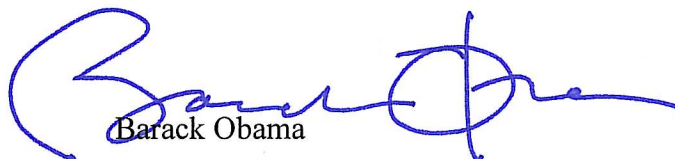
Dear Mr. Wilson:

I write to convey my concerns about the breakdown in communication between Beef Northwest Feeders and the United Farm Workers (UFW). I am aware that you have received letters from my colleagues Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Hillary Clinton and Governor Ted Kulongoski asking you to commence talks with the UFW.

In America, we should value the labor of every person and reward it with a few basic guarantees, such as fair wages and treatment, healthcare, and a dignified retirement. These aren't just the values of working folks or organized labor. They are American values and they are central to my campaign. I am committed to the ability of our nation's agricultural workers to organize, to receive a decent wage, and to have a safe working environment. All workers should be free to form a union, and if they choose to form a union, management should negotiate in good faith to reach first contract.

I encourage you to recognize the card check election of June 13, and to negotiate with your employees' chosen bargaining agent, the United Farm Workers. Your prompt attention to this issue is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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