

Vote NO! on the AG Act, HR 1773

As people of faith, we strongly oppose the AG Act as an unworkable, anti-immigrant and anti-worker approach to our nation's immigration problems. Relegating hardworking farmworkers to a permanent second class status apart from their families is contrary to our nation's core values of freedom, equality and family unity.

The Agricultural Guestworker Act, H.R. 1773, would strip away decades of worker protections and leave vulnerable guestworkers with virtually no protection from abusive conditions. A key failure of the bill is its omission of a solution for the majority undocumented agricultural workforce. Undocumented farmworkers would be required to self-deport with only the possibility of return as a temporary worker, with no opportunity to remain with family or to become a member of the society they help to feed.

The AG Act stands in stark contrast to the carefully-negotiated agreement included in the Senate immigration reform bill. This agreement was reached by the United Farm Workers and the Agriculture Workforce Coalition and represents a win for agricultural employers, for farmworkers and for our national interest in a secure, safe food supply. Immigration reform should include a roadmap to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country, including farmworkers and their families.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date

Instructions: Please photocopy entire page as needed for additional signatures.

Make sure all participants include their full address.

Mail completed petitions to your member of the House of Representatives. (Go to house.gov/representatives/find/, enter your zip code and click on your member. Their local office address should be at the bottom of their web page.)

November 2013