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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3227, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025– Support

Dear Representative Lofgren:

On behalf of Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025 (H.R. 3227). This bill creates a workforce solution for America's agriculture industry, one of the most critical sectors of the national economy.

Farmers and ranchers across the United States are in desperate need of a high-quality, reliable workforce. Farmworkers need a stable future, and the current H-2A agricultural guestworker program needs meaningful, bipartisan reform. This proposed legislation would reform the H-2A program to provide more flexibility for employers, while ensuring critical protections for workers. It would also establish a program for agricultural workers in the United States to choose to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment and contribution to the U.S. agricultural economy. Finally, the bill focuses on modifications to make the program more responsive and user-friendly for employers and provides access to the program for industries with year-round labor needs. Most importantly, this bill is a thoughtful common-sense solution that offers a balanced solution to a complicated problem.

We appreciate your continued support for the County of Monterey, and on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I thank you for your leadership on this important issue facing Monterey County residents.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Lopez, Chair
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Adam Schiff, U.S. Senator for California
The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California
The Honorable Jimmy Panetta, 19th Congressional District



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