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NCAE Engages with Trump Administration to Develop Solutions that Strengthen American Agriculture

Council Seeks to Enhance Collaboration with Administration to Support America's Agricultural Employers and Strengthen Agricultural Communities

(Arlington, VA) The National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) extended an offer and encouraged the Administration to collaborate with the agricultural community to develop immigration solutions that strengthen national security and affirms America's ability to feed itself and the world in a letter addressed to Secretaries Rollins, Chavez-DeRemer, Rubio, Noem, and White House Chief of Staff Wiles last week.

NCAE's letter follows statements made by President Trump on social media and during a press conference that changes to the administration's immigration enforcement tactics were imminent for the agricultural community. In the remarks, President Trump explained that current tactics may have harmed America's farmers and ranchers by removing longtime, hardworking farmworkers. President Trump acknowledged that some of those workers, while not citizens, are integral to the success of America's agricultural community.

"After years of being ignored by the previous Administration," explained Michael Marsh, President and CEO of NCAE, "the agricultural community was grateful to hear President Trump's recognition of the critical importance of agricultural workforce. America's farmers and

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ranchers need a champion in their corner. We know that, together, we can develop positive and palpable change that bolsters rural America.”

“NCAE and our members are excited to work with the Administration to collaboratively develop an immigration solution that simultaneously enhances national security and recognizes that America’s ability to feed itself is integral to that very security,” stated Marsh. “As the President acknowledged, much of the success of America’s farming and ranching community depends on the presence and availability of ready, willing, and able individuals who perform the labor-intensive tasks needed on farms and ranches across America each day.”

In the letter, Marsh wrote that, as always, “America's farm and ranch families are committed, putting on their boots, rolling up their sleeves, and getting the job done. We know that the farmworkers who assist America’s farm and ranch families are very hard working, contribute to our communities and our economy, and recognize they are key to achieving a successful outcome for America.”

“We must find a path forward,” noted Marsh, “so that American agriculture and Americans can thrive.”

NCAE is the national trade association focusing on agricultural labor issues from the employer’s viewpoint.

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