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**Farmworker Justice Supports House Democrats' Discharge Petition
to Prompt House to Act on Immigration**

Washington, DC – House Democrats today filed a discharge petition on legislation that should help move comprehensive immigration reform legislation that has been stalled by House Republicans' reluctance to address the issue. Farmworker Justice praised the move as a positive step forward to obtain a vote on urgently needed immigration reform.

"As the Obama Administration approaches its 2 millionth deportation, families and communities across the country are being torn apart," said Bruce Goldstein, President of Farmworker Justice. "This largely unwarranted deportation of workers, parents, spouses and community members must stop. The House must do its part to move immigration reform forward by passing legislation that includes a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country, including a million or more farmworkers and their families."

Nine months have passed since the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration bill with bipartisan support. That broadly supported compromise legislation includes a tough-but-fair agricultural stakeholder agreement that provides a roadmap toward legal residency and citizenship for farmworkers and their families and revisions to the agricultural guestworker system. It is supported by both grower and farmworker organizations.

"The Senate has risen to the challenge of addressing our immigration crisis. Now it is time for the House to do its part to finish the job," said Goldstein.

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Farmworker Justice is a nonprofit litigation, advocacy and education organization that seeks to empower migrant and seasonal farmworkers to improve wages, working conditions, immigration policy, health, occupational safety and access to justice.