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**Farmworker Justice Supports the U.S. President-Elect's Nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas as  
Department of Homeland Security Secretary**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Farmworker Justice strongly supports the President-elect's nomination of the former director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and former Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Deputy Secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas, to serve as the next Secretary of Homeland Security. Mayorkas brings a personal understanding of the immigrant experience. If confirmed, the former deputy secretary would be the first Latino and first immigrant to head DHS.

Throughout his career and as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program pioneer in 2012, his credibility and expertise are essential amid a pandemic that disproportionately impacts immigrant and marginalized communities. The stability and exceptional vision demonstrated by Mayorkas in any of his posts when applied as DHS Secretary could affect policy change to substantially support farmworkers' well-being and the nation's food supply.

Farmworker Justice has witnessed the current administration strive to undermine DACA, irrational wage regulations on the poorest of workers, and interfere with even slight progress gained — all issues gravely impacting farmworker communities across the United States. Farmworker Justice encourages the U.S. Senate to see a smooth confirmation for the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas to serve as the next Secretary of Homeland Security.

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Farmworker Justice is a national advocacy organization for farmworkers. FJ founded in 1981 is based in Washington, D.C. and collaborates with organizations throughout the country to empower farmworkers to improve their wages, working conditions, occupational safety, health immigration status and access to justice. For more information visit the Farmworker Justice website at [www.farmworkerjustice.org](http://www.farmworkerjustice.org) and follow on Twitter at [@FarmwrkrJustice](https://twitter.com/FarmwrkrJustice).

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