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Fair Trade for a Better World

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Danny Weeden, CEO
Sakuma Brothers Farms
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Dear Mr. Weeden:

Enclosed please find a petition signed by nearly 10,000 consumers in support of Familias Unidas por la Justicia, the independent union on Sakuma Brothers Farm. As you no doubt are aware, these farmworkers have been asking to negotiate a fair contract with the farm for several years now.

The text of the petition signed by these consumers and advocates is as follows:

Familias Unidas por la Justicia, an independent farmworker union in Washington, has been fighting for better pay and conditions at Sakuma Brother Farms, a large farm in Washington State, for years.

Sakuma Brothers owners and managers have refused to sit down with farmworkers to negotiate a fair contract, instead pointing to improvements on the farm and the fact that workers want their jobs back as evidence that all is good. Yet Sakuma is the largest farm in the area so workers have little choice if they want a job, and most improvements have been made because farmworkers have organized to demand them.

Now is time for workers to have a voice in their pay and working conditions through a fairly negotiated contract. If all is as good as Sakuma Brothers claims, putting it in writin should be an easy next step.

We hope that you take the time to also read the individual comments that accompany the signatures. Last year similar number of consumers sent a letter in support of these same farmworkers directly to Driscoll's. You'll see from these comments that consumer concern over this issue is growing.

We believe that a fairly negotiated contract is in the best interest of both the farmworkers and the farm and look forward to a fair and successful season for both.

I can be reached by phone at 617-680-9862 and email at Kerstin@fairworldproject.org. I look forward to your response to this essential matter.

Sincerely,

Kerstin Lindgren
Campaign Director