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Legislative Alert # 191

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**CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY  
TO REJECT PHONY IMMIGRATION REFORM**

The House of Representatives may vote this week on a series of bad immigration bills. Instead of renewing the battle for comprehensive immigration reform, several anti-worker, anti-immigrant legislative proposals are being offered to appease employer interests and fan the flames of the anti-immigrant lobby. Any one of these bill could come to the House floor this week.

- \* Rep. Shuler's bill, H.R. 4088, the SAVE Act, is an enforcement-only approach, and contains and extension of the deeply flawed employment verification system.
- \* Rep. Johnson's bill, H.R. 1843, the New Employee Verification Act, creates a mandatory electronic employment eligibility verification system which has not even been successful as a pilot program.
- \* Rep. Stupak's bill, H.R. 5515, extends the H-2B program without any labor protections for workers. The H-2B proposal does not protect seasonal workers in terms of their wages or working conditions and is merely an attempt to provide low-wage workers to low-wage employees.

None of these bills contain AgJobs, a reasonable bipartisan bill which was negotiated between the farmworkers and their employers.

You know our Union's long history of advocating for meaningful immigration reform that protects American workers, respects immigrant workers, enhances local communities, values the rule of law, and is true to American values. All of these bills fall tragically short of these goals and are unbalanced and unfair to workers. As difficult as the current situation is, we believe that the House bills will not address the real problems, but they will, in fact, make the situation worse.

Please contact your House members TODAY and let them know that UFCW believes that these bills are flawed and do not achieve comprehensive immigration reform.

**CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TOLL FREE: 1-866-808-0065  
AND TELL THEM:**

I urge you to oppose immigration bills (H.R. 4088, H.R. 1843, and H.R. 5515) that are expected to come to the House floor. To protect the American Dream, you must reject legislation that overhauls the immigration system without protecting workers. These bills fall far short of comprehensive immigration reform. They don't protect workers, jobs, or communities and should be rejected by Congress.

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