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Assemblyman Charles Calderon
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2676

Dear Assemblyman Calderon,

On behalf of our more than 1.2 million California supporters, I write to offer our support for your Assembly Bill 2676 that seeks to reduce heat-related deaths among farmworkers in California.

When the United Farm Workers supported 2008's Proposition 2, the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, UFW president Arturo Rodriguez said, "The founding principles of Prop 2 are the same as that of the Farm Worker Movement, built on the vision of Cesar Chavez. During his lifetime, he championed 'kindness and compassion toward all living things. He said: 'We need, in a special way, to work twice as hard to help people understand that the animals are fellow creatures, that we must protect them and love them as we love ourselves.'"

The Humane Society of the United States supports the efforts of the UFW to advance our shared values of compassion, humane treatment, and freedom from suffering.

Sincerely,

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