

February 16, 2016

Honorable Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker,
Honorable Wisconsin State Assembly Representatives
Honorable Wisconsin State Senators
State Capital, Madison Wisconsin.

RE: AB450/SB369 and AB723/SB533

As Wisconsin dairy farmers we are writing to express our strong opposition against these two bills AB450/SB369 and AB723/SB533.

Wisconsin's dairy industry relies on the important contributions that immigrant workers and their families make to our state's signature industry. Forty-two percent of the dairy industry workers are immigrant and one in ten jobs in the State of Wisconsin's depends on the dairy industry. Sixty (60) percent of the milk that is produced in Wisconsin is harvested by immigrants. Immigrant workers are critical to the well-being of this economy.

These bills do nothing to address real problems and in fact will only lead to increased racial discrimination against Latinos and immigrants, the break-up of families, and weaken our state economy. We call on you to vote against these bills and to ensure that Wisconsin continues to be a leader in the national dairy industry.

Sincerely,