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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing on behalf of workers and their families who recently contacted Voces de la Frontera due to their concerns about the coronavirus and workplace conditions at American Foods Group in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Given that there are four positive cases of coronavirus in the main plant, one positive case in the Acme Street plant, and pending testing results, workers have raised the following concerns that require immediate attention:

1. Provide masks for all workers
2. Ensure that there is 6 feet of distance in all departments and production lines; for example, in the hamburger patty area.
3. Check the temperature of all workers coming into the plant, not at random as is being done at present.
4. Inform co-workers when there is a positive case of coronavirus, so that co-workers can self-quarantine for 14 days and protect their families to ensure they are not sick or exposing others. In addition, we want American Foods to provide testing for all workers exposed to someone at work immediately no later than 5 days from today's date, to avoid infecting others.
5. Ensure paid sick says for those that are sick, those that have tested positive for COVID-19 or are forced to self-quarantine. Workers should not fear losing points leading to termination or not having enough accrued paid time off to comply with the emergency health restrictions to contain the spread of the coronavirus and save lives.

These demands align with guidance issued by OSHA and the CDC on how to prevent the spread of the virus and ensure workers safety on the job. Specifically, Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf> and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

We ask that you schedule a phone meeting as soon as possible to address these concerns by contacting my Executive Assistant Miriam Levie at miriam@vdlf.org or (414) 704-8375.

We know that these are critical times and the staff of American Foods Group are frontline workers that are providing for the well-being of others. We communicated to the workers and their families that their health and the health of their families is of utmost importance. In addition, no workers would face retaliation for coming together to address their concerns and seek community support. We trust that given the urgency of the situation you will take immediate steps to address this matter.

Sincerely,



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