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To Whom It May Concern:

April 13, 2020

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 JBS Packerland in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Given that there is one positive case of coronavirus in the workplace and rumors of a second, and pending testing results, workers have raised the following concerns that require immediate attention:

1. Provide masks for all workers (we were told this happened as of today's date)
2. Ensure that there is 6 feet of distance in all departments and production; for example, in the slaughterhouse and cooling rooms.
3. 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 JBS 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.
4. Ensure paid sick says for those that are sick from COVID-19 or are forced to self-quarantine. Incentivizing a \$600 bonus for workers to come to work without missing a day is counterproductive at this time, if paid sick days is not ensured.

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](mailto:miriam@vdlf.org) or (414) 704-8375.

We know that these are critical times and the staff of JBS Packerland are frontline workers that are providing for the well-being of others. We communicated to the workers and their families that their health is of utmost importance. In addition, no workers would face retaliation for coming together to address their concerns and seeking 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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