

July 24, 2007

Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger:

The Lodi District Grape Growers Association's Board of Directors strongly urges you to VETO, SB 180 after careful review and discussion.

We are asking you to VETO, SB 180 to ensure farm employees keep their democratic right to secret-ballot elections when voting on the issue of union representation.

This bill strips farm employees of their rights by replacing a secret-ballot election with an unprotected process called "majority sign-up election."

Not only does this process weaken the right of employees to cast their ballot in a discreet, private election booth free from coercion, but also deprives them the opportunity to hear and consider other viewpoints on unionization.

Sincerely,

Kyle Lerner
President, Lodi District Grape Growers Association