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Dear Sir,

My compassion has aroused my crusading spirit to try to do something, no matter how pitifully small, for the migratory workers of our prosperous nation. But then I asked myself who do I write to, what do I say, what could I possibly propose as an answer to this horrible, appalling national crime? How could our learned, wise legislators be guilty of such nauseating apathy toward these poor fellow human beings? The only difference between the migrants and people who suffered in concentration camps is that the migrants are not physically tortured and that they are free to leave anytime they wish to, if they have the money. And so their lack of funds becomes an invisible wall which cannot be conquered.

This evening as I watched the expose on television I felt sickening pangs of conscious. How could I have been so ignorant of such a horrible inhumanity? I feel guilty for my own youngsters, in their innocence, who probably spill and waste more milk and nourishing food than those children actually consume.

Please, please, take time to answer my letter and tell me who is in the best position to help them most, other than the strength of public opinion. Is there anything I can possibly do that would be more effective than my weak but sincere effort of letter writing?

Sincerely,

Mrs. George A. Koury

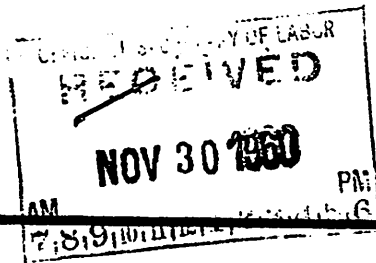
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have just finished watching the CBS program "Harvest of Shame."

I was greatly impressed by your remarks on the problem. I have long been acquainted with this problem in Oregon and count many personal friends among the Spanish speaking migrants and their children.

I have been trying to help by informing my students of the problem and by helping to teach the children who do not speak English.

But I feel this is not enough. As you say this is a moral problem, a blot on our conscience.

How else can I help - I feel so small. Thank you for all you have done for my friends.

Sincerely,
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Instructor

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