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# CALIFORNIA LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

February 12, 2009

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
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Dear Attorney General Brown,

We the undersigned members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus would like to bring to your attention disturbing and insulting remarks made by one of your deputy attorneys general in the Fresno office.

During a recent forum on Water in Fresno, Mr. Lloyd Carter representing the California Water Impact Network made the following comments regarding farm workers to a local news reporter. The remarks were televised:

"They're not even American citizens for starters. Do you think we should employ illegal aliens? What parent raises their child to be a farm worker? These kids are the least educated people in America or the Southwest corner of this valley. They turn to lives of crime. They go on welfare. They get into drug trafficking and they join gangs."

As you can imagine we are outraged that such comments would be directed to hard working farm workers who toil in the fields of California to put food on our tables. Mr. Carter's remarks are unfounded, insulting, and outrageous. While he has been removed from his position with the California Water Impact Network, it disturbs us greatly when such ill-informed attitudes come from a state public servant. As a Deputy Attorney General, he has a special duty; he speaks for your office and all Californians.

The work conducted by yourself, your staff, and your department are vital to the state and representing the interests of all Californians. We trust that Mr. Carter's comments do not reflect the Office of the Attorney General nor the Department of Justice, and we further expect your offices to protect the interests of Californians without prejudice or bias.

Thank you for considering this matter, and if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Minnie Santillan in our office at (916) 319-2056.

Sincerely,

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