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## *The Fields*

My name is Josue Aguirre and I'm 13 years old. My main topic is what has working in the fields been like for you and your family? Working in the fields hasn't been great for our family because my parents are under paid. Without health insurance being given to us, my parents have to pay to see the doctor. My parents told me it was repulsive to work in the fields. So why not make the fields safer to work in?

Being under paid is revolting if you have a family. Seven dollars and fifty cents an hour (10 hours per day) per week, that much money won't pay the rent or bills. If I was the owner I would give raises to those that work harder and do extra work. My parents need to work twice as hard to get the kind of money we need. Increasing the wages for farm workers would be wonderful and will give farm workers the ability to come prepared for work and do a much better at their jobs. Without farm workers like my parents there wouldn't be any fresh fruit or vegetables in our markets.

Why give health insurance to farm workers? Health insurance is an issue for farm workers because they don't have enough money to afford it. For example, if a farm worker in the fields doesn't have health insurance and gets hurt they have to pay for themselves to go to the hospital. But if given health insurance to farm workers, they wouldn't have to worry about how much they need to pay. Farm workers need health insurance. Maybe health insurance could be provided to us from the government or from the farm owners.

Our bodies need lots of water to keep them in form and in good shape. Farm workers need more than a 30 minute lunch break to eat or get a drink. Water supplies are useful to farm workers while working in the middle of the field in the hot sun. A 10 minute water drink break in the afternoon could be useful

for workers who don't carry water with them. Farm workers would not get dehydrated if this change was made.

Is it better when something is safer? Yes. They why not make the fields safer? Making the fields safer will encourage the farm workers to not be scared of getting hurt. For example the owner could make sure none of his plants are poisonous, he could also build a watch tower to make sure the farm workers are safe. The owner could also make sure none of the tools are dangerous. The owner should also change the time of when to use the heavy machines so no farm worker would get hurt.

If all these changes happened, workers would be pleased with all the changes the owners made. If I was the owner I would ask the workers what changes I could make in the fields. The owner is responsible for all the changes. Instead the owner should not just sit around and say, "Where's my money?" This is my story about how to make the fields much better and how to improve the lives of farm workers.