

## Resolution for Services to Farm Workers

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3 **WHEREAS**, The Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, and the Immigration Reform and  
4 Control Act (IRCA), as amended, mandated that the Dept. of Labor's Employment  
5 Training Administration (ETA) provide services and protections to migrant and  
6 seasonal farm workers (MSFW's); and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, further legislation including the Manpower Act, Comprehensive  
9 Employment Training Act (CETA), and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) expanded  
10 services to MSFW's includes education, daycare, medical clinic care and family housing  
11 for both MSFW's and their families; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the current legislation impacting MSFW's, the Workforce Investment Act  
14 (WIA), required ETA to administratively reorganize its delivery of services to the  
15 American workforce; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, ETA under the Bush administration has consciously restructured delivery  
18 of services with a focus on non-agricultural employment to the virtual exclusion of  
19 MSFW's, using WIA as a pretext to bypass and ignore other MSFW's applicable  
20 legislation, including dramatically reducing funding, in some cases zero funding, for  
21 many MSFW's programs; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, ETA continues to carry out its policies of outright neglect of MSFW's  
24 resulting in unsafe and unhealthy working conditions as well as non-payment of earned  
25 wages, unsanitary over-crowded and unsafe housing;  
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27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Congressional Delegation  
28 seek the exercise of Congress' legislative oversight authority to direct USDOL/ETA to  
29 come into compliance with existing Federal legislation relating to the MSFW's and  
30 further direct USDOL/ETA to recommend funding and operation of MSFW's services  
31 delivery and MSFW-employer compliance programs, include placement of staff in  
32 USDOL's Seattle Federal Government Offices to better and more effectively serve the  
33 needs of MSFW's in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska; and  
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to  
36 Washington State Democratic Party's counterpart organizations in Oregon, Idaho and  
37 Alaska.  
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40 Submitted by the Okanogan County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic  
41 Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted  
42 04/08/2006)  
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44 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in  
45 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its  
46 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.  
47 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee recommended a "Pass" on this resolution at its  
48 September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be forwarded to the  
49 WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.  
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51 The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.