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Since 1985, Farm Aid's mission has been to support family farmers by keeping them on their land and to support a thriving food and farming system that is good for both our people and the planet. For this reason, we are proud to express our solidarity with small family farms in North Carolina who are facing increasingly intense economic challenges because of a lack of economic support.

We stand firmly with organizations on the ground, like FLOC, and their efforts to combat the rise of corporate consolidation and large factory farms that harm our environment, drive independent farmers off the land and devalue our farm and food workers. Sustainable agricultural practices are critical in supporting the health, safety and wellbeing of farmworkers. It is especially important in North Carolina as one of the few states where many farmworkers are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, which means that farmworkers have the right to have a safe and reliable, well-paying work environment. The loss of these farms means the loss of their jobs.

Farm Aid understands that small farms are the backbone of America's economic system. Farmers and farmworkers deserve fair compensation for a hard day's work. This requires creating a sustainable supply chain where the products of small farmers can compete on the global market and where the dignity and respect of farmworkers is not only acknowledged, but valued.

Respectfully,

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