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NCAE Responds to Order Denying Preliminary Injunction

Arlington, VA – Thursday, May 14, 2026 – The U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of California has released an order denying the United Farm Workers’ request for Preliminary Injunction in the litigation against the Department of Labor (DOL) on the DOL Interim Final Rule. In the order, the Judge found that the UFW failed to demonstrate irreparable harm, and thus denied their request for preliminary injunction to halt the enforcement of the rule. The Interim Final Rule stands in effect as a result.

“We applaud the Court’s decision to deny the UFW’s request for preliminary injunction on the Department’s AEWR Interim Final Rule,” said John Hollay, President and CEO of NCAE. “For too long, employers have been forced to pay wages that were detached from economic reality and put American agriculture at strategic disadvantage on the international market. That is why NCAE, with the support of the California Farm Bureau Federation, filed an Amicus Brief in support of the Trump Administration. The DOL IFR levels the playing field for America’s farmers, ranchers and growers. We are deeply appreciative that the Court in California denied this motion which would have wreaked havoc on H-2A employers during a busy growing season.”

About the National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE)

NCAE is the only national association focusing exclusively on agricultural labor issues from the employer’s perspective. NCAE is the voice of agricultural employers on employment, safety, and labor law issues and is dedicated to providing American farmers and ranchers with the best available information, tools, and advocacy for managing their workforce.