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Dear Employee,

First, we want to thank every one of you for being here today.  You work on the front lines keeping the Nation fed.  And in order to keep the farm running and to support the employees and their families that rely on us day in and day out, year after year, it is essential that each of us keep doing our part.  Unlike schools or offices, we can’t do the work that needs to be done from home.   It is vital in this time of crisis that we can come to work and keep tending to our orchards/fields, so that we have a harvest and a paycheck this fall.

If you are sick, or you have a family member who is sick, you need to stay home.  However, if you’re able to work, we have important work to do.  It is important that we keep producing food and preserve job opportunities for our families, our neighbors and our communities.   It’s not going to be easy, but we’re in this together. We know we can count on you and we want you to know that you can count on us.

As the Food and Agriculture industry is essential for the continued function of the economy in this time of crisis, it is essential to the nation’s food supply that individuals be permitted to proceed to or from their job.

For now, you are always required to carry the following document with you, especially when driving to and from work. If you are questioned where you are driving to, please present the official this document.

Thank you,

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