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Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin
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Dear Congressman Van Deerlin:

On December 31, 1964, I felt highly elated because California and the United States would no longer participate in the exploitation of human beings with the termination of Public Law 78. By the termination of this law I felt that President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had to some degree finally been realized.

Today this feeling is completely gone. The enslavement of human beings is back with us through the importation of Braceros. Although the practice of owning slaves is gone, we have reverted to the less costly practice of renting slaves.

Congressman, you as a humanitarian should not succumb to the pressures of those who would enslave these people. I hope you realize that this practice breaks the natural family pattern that is so vital to the Mexican culture and that your efforts to prevent this human injustice would play a vital role to the realization that all men should be free.

I have confidence that you as Congressman of the 37th Congressional District of the great State of California, will help protect those people who cannot help themselves and join in the fight to eliminate this number one problem from our state.

Sincerely,

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