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To: Regs, Rfs

Subject: Reject new Bush administration immigration regulations

Director Department of Homeland Security

Dear Director Homeland Security,

I say "no" to the proposed regulations concerning the Social Security Administration (SSA) "no-match" letters.

The government's purpose when it issues SSA no-match letters is not meant to police the immigration status of workers but are meant to be used to credit retirement earnings for workers. These proposed regulations inappropriately transform harmless no-match letters into tools of immigration law enforcement.

Besides, using the notoriously inaccurate and out-of-date system like the SSA database means workers could face termination by panicked employers before they can prove they are mistakenly on the list. This would lead to thousands of unlawful mass firings.

In addition, any worksite immigration enforcement proposal should happen in the context of comprehensive immigration reform. The House and the Senate have both passed bills that contain worksite enforcement mechanisms. Implementing the proposed regulations at this time would complicate the transition to the new system.

I urge you not to enact these new regulations but to allow Congress to reach a comprehensive immigration reform solution, including the historic bipartisan AgJobs proposal negotiated by the United Farm Workers and growers that is within the bill passed by the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

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