In Sonoma County, we are on the frontlines of climate change fueled wildfires. Every year, fires grow bigger, more intense, and more destructive. Farmworkers face the brunt of these dangers.

Our county is known for wine, with a value of $1.9B in annual revenue, but without the work of farmworkers there would be no wine industry.

11,060 farmworkers in the wine industry

Sign the petition to support farmworkers' priorities for safety & respect during wildfire harvest:

1. Language Justice
2. Disaster Insurance
3. Community Safety Observers
4. Premium Hazard Pay
5. Clean Bathrooms and Water
While many farmworkers are migrants from Mexico and Central America, not all speak Spanish as their first language. Some primarily speak one of many oral Indigenous languages; including:

- Maya
- Triqui
- Mixteco
- Chatino

These are distinct languages that have been passed down for generations and often have multiple dialects that differ based on geography.

ALL SAFETY AND EVACUATION TRAININGS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN FARMWORKERS' FIRST LANGUAGES INCLUDING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES
When fires and smoke are too intense, the wine industry receives insurance payments with significant assistance from the federal government to cover losses, but most farmworkers don’t receive any assistance for their lost income.

**Farmworkers deserve disaster insurance so they can continue to support themselves & their families during wildfire season.**

TAXPAYERS PAY 60% OF FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PREMIUMS

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO WINERIES FOR FIRE DAMAGE, SONOMA COUNTY (2019)

$63 MILLION

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO SONOMA COUNTY FARM WORKERS FOR LOST INCOME

$0
Community Safety Observers

Cal/OSHA doesn’t have enough inspectors and resources to enforce health and safety protocols, including wildfire smoke standards.

Inspectors covering five-county district (including Sonoma): 10

Number of workers in five-county district: More than 1,000,000

Only 1 inspector speaks Spanish; 0 speak an indigenous language.

Community members are ready to volunteer to act as community safety observers and will be trained before harvest starts.
#4 Premium Hazard Pay

Wildfire and harvest now occur at the same time, and since workers are generally paid by the quantity or weight of grapes harvested, they often run for hours at a time through the smoke.

Wildfire smoke is 10x more toxic than car exhaust.

Sonoma Co. Wine Industry, total annual revenue, 2020: $1.9 billion

Farmworkers deserve premium hazard pay when they are working in unhealthy and dangerous environments such as evacuation zones, smokey air, near wildfires, and extreme heat.
Increased numbers of workers during harvest combined with ash and soot from wildfires quickly dirties already crowded porta-potties. The law states:

- **Toilets must be clean at all times** with one toilet per 20 workers.
- **Drinking water must be fresh, pure, and suitably cool** with single use paper cups available.

All farmworkers deserve clean bathrooms and water during harvest and wildfires.

If you are a farmworker, and experience dirty bathrooms or water, text a photo to (707) 867-1713.