



## STATEMENT REGARDING CESAR CHAVEZ

**Santa Ana, Calif. (March 18, 2026)** – I was angry and disillusioned to learn of the allegations of abuse of women by Cesar Chavez. The conduct alleged is both despicable and inexcusable, and it undermines a legacy of support for farm workers across the nation.

Sexual abuse of women and children can never be tolerated, and the damage done to the lives of victims and their families is unthinkable.

The United Farmworkers Union and other organizations have rightly taken action to cancel Cesar Chavez Day celebrations.

Though shocking and unforgivable, we must not allow the betrayal of trust and abuse of power by a leader to stop the efforts to continue the fight for workers' rights or keep us from organizing against injustice in the workplace.

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