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President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC

[c/o Ms. Julie C. Rodriguez, Associate Director
Latino Affairs and Immigration for the Office
Of Public Engagement at The White House]

RE: Fred Ross Sr. & The Presidential Medal of Freedom

Dear Mr. President:

A national campaign has been launched to urge you to award posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the late and legendary organizer, Fred Ross Sr.

I am sure that you have received hundreds of letter in support of this initiative and I write in support of same. You may well be aware of Mr. Ross yourself from your early organizing days. I write with a perspective that is probably somewhat privileged. I work for the Stanford University Libraries and direct the Special Collections program which includes the Fred Ross Papers, 1910-1992. I have been witness to the many students (undergraduate and graduate alike) and scholars from all over the United States who have traveled to Stanford to conduct research on Fred Ross Sr. There are now many dissertations, books and articles that have examined the life and work of Fred Ross Sr. Mr. Ross had a positive impact on countless people and his work was always for the public good.

Please accept this letter as one that ever so humbly supports the nomination of Mr. Ross for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

