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Dear President Obama,

One of the quiet heroes of those fighting for a decent life and respectful treatment of our migrant workers was Fred Ross, Sr.

As I'm sure you know he was one of the mentors and supporters of Cesar Chavez who was quoted, "I learned from the best organizers I know, Fred Ross, Sr...he changed my life."

From your own experience as a community organizer you know the dedication and tenacity it takes to be an effective organizer.

I have had the pleasure of working with Fred's son, Fred Ross Jr, and he has inherited his father's genes and talent.

Would you please consider awarding Fred Ross Sr. the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously? This award would be timed nicely with the present efforts to bring about the much needed immigration reform.

My prayers and best wishes for a productive & positive second term.

Respectfully,

Msgr. John Brenkle