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President Barak Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to you on behalf of Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice to urge you to award posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Fred Ross Sr.

We believe that Fred Ross Sr. has made “an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States” through his long lasting legacy as an organizer who worked with people of all faiths to work together for justice for workers and poor people in our country.

For nearly half a century Mr. Ross educated, lobbied, and assisted people of all ethnic groups to overcome prejudice and fear in order to make the United States a country that provides a seat at the table of justice for all who struggle and work within its shores.

Presidential Medal of Freedom winner Dolores Huerta has recognized Fred Ross Sr. as a mentor to both her and Cesar Chavez. We as a nation must not forget those who have given their lives to secure justice for all. Fred Ross Sr. richly deserves this high honor.

Respectfully yours,

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