

HARVEST WITHOUT VIOLENCE

NFWM Supports Harvest Without Violence

At the January 2018 meeting, the NFWM board adopted a [statement of support](#) for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' (CIW) Harvest without Violence. This was requested by CIW in support of their Fair Food Program and its provision to eliminate violence and harassment.

NFWM will be supporting CIW's efforts to eliminate violence against women and their ongoing work to expand the Fair Food Program and we are continuing [our support of CIW's boycott of Wendy's](#), the last major fast food company not to sign on to the Fair Food Program. NFWM participated in CIW's March 2018 Freedom Fast in front of the building where Nelson Peltz, chairman of Wendy's board of directors, works in New York City. For more about this, visit [CIW's website](#).

While CIW has helped to bring the issue of violence against women to light, farm worker women around the country have been struggling with this reality too and other efforts are taking place. Time Magazine published an article last fall that included a [letter in support](#) of farm worker women who have far less recourse to complain or file grievances than women in Hollywood.

At the time that incidences of violence against women were emerging in the media, other groups were also discussing this. Rosalinda Guillen, of Community To Community (an ally organization with Familias Unidas por la Justicia) in Washington State did an [NPR interview](#) to discuss this. A focus on sexual harassment and violence was featured in both a [Seattle Times Op Ed](#) and the [Yakima Herald](#) this fall that shed light on the under-reporting and why farm worker women are reluctant to come forward.

Farm worker women deserve better.

NFWM is committed to the ongoing support of farm worker food certification programs, union representation, community training programs, along with grievance procedures that provide real consequences for perpetrators and protection of victims of harassment and violence.

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