

HEP/CAMP National Internship Program Week 9
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This last week was a slow week. It helped me wind down from the D.C. life and remember my slow-paced life back home in Orange Cove.

Monday morning in the office was relaxing. We did not have a load of work to do. Nathan and Grace came into my office and shared some ideas on how I could return to Washington D.C. It was helpful because after this summer I definitely want return to D.C. and continue experiencing this amazing city.

The rest of the week was a debrief of my summer work. On Thursday, Giev gave me a call, and we went through my work this summer. He told me that I did a good job, and I am glad he thought so. It was difficult having a supervisor that was across the country, telling me what to do, but I managed to increase support for the Fairness for Farm Workers Act.

For the entire summer, I worked on the Fairness for Farm Workers Act. A bill that will help end farm worker injustice. My sister is a farm worker, and seeing her work long hours for low pay, motivated me to push members of Congress to support the bill. I think my biggest accomplishment this summer was increasing Congressional support for the bill. When I started my internship, the bill had the support of 13 members, and now it has the support of 60 and counting. Getting 47 more members of Congress to acknowledge the injustice that farmworkers face shows that farmworkers are not forgotten.

I am glad I interned with the United Farm Workers this summer. I do hope to continue fighting for farmworker justice, and I encourage others to do the same.

As I was flying back to California, I kept looking out the window thinking what comes next... I saw clouds and imagined them as obstacles to reaching my dreams. I am sure that one day I will know my limits and overcome the obstacles to reach my fullest potential and help communities like the farmworker community that are in need.

I am very thankful for this memorable summer and hope to continue my political journey to my final goal, becoming President of the United States.

