

**UNION PROUD**

UFCW 789

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Re: Roger Calero

Dear

My name is Bill Pearson and I am President of UFCW Local 789. We are located in South St Paul, Minnesota and have a membership of 8000. Our members work in grocery stores, nursing homes and packing houses.


I am writing you for a very specific reason. It is my understanding you have arrested Roger Calero. Apparently, there is discussion that he be deported. This would be a travesty of justice.

I came to know Roger when he was working in a packing house in South St Paul. It was the Dakota Premium plant, and Roger was an active and committed leader in helping stabilizing the workers and bring about a labor agreement. He was bright, articulate and well read. His co-workers saw him as a person to turn to for help. So did I.

Making him leave this country would be an injustice. I implore you, do not deport him. Allow him to stay and Latino workers will be the better for it.

Please feel free to contact me at 651-451-6240 for a more personal endorsement of his qualities.

Sincerely,



Bill Pearson  
President  
UFCW Local 789

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