

**Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy**

**Hyannis Port, Massachusetts**

September 16, 2015

Dear Arturo, the Chavez Family, Dolores and the  
Dedicated Members and Friends of the UFW,

A half-century ago, your efforts made a world of difference for new generations of farmworkers. Your grandparents', parents' and your own brave determination created a lasting ripple of hope and positive action spread nationwide.

Bobby and Cesar knew that with courage and perseverance farmworkers would enjoy the protection of the law and greatly improved lives. They shared a love of country, a passion for freedom and justice and they recognized the power of peaceful change.

Three years after the arduous strike began, Bobby reminded us all:

"..When your children and grandchildren take their place in America- going to high school and college, and taking good jobs at good pay- when you look at them you will say, 'I did this. I was there at the point of difficulty and danger.' And though you may be old and bent from many years of labor, no man will stand taller than you when you say, 'I marched with Cesar'".

The poet Stephen Spender in *The Truly Great*, captures those heroic hearts:

"...those who in their lives fought for life,  
Who wore at their hearts the fire's centre.  
Born of the sun, they travelled a short while toward the sun  
And left the vivid air signed with their honour. "

With admiration and affection,

Emel

Si Se Puede!