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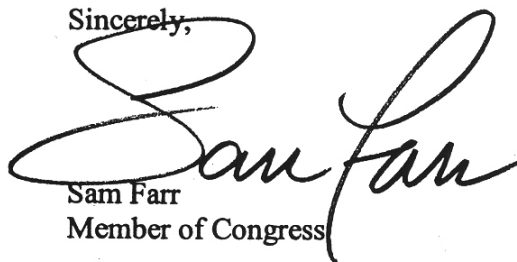
Kilsoo Seo
Monterey Bay Travelodge
2030 North Fremont Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mr. Seo,

I have followed the ongoing labor dispute at the Monterey Bay Travelodge with great interest. I had hoped that by now you would have been able to accommodate the concerns of your employees so that you both could enjoy the stability of a contract. I continue to be concerned about this conflict and I hope that you and your employees can reach a fair and reasonable resolution of this matter. I believe a successful outcome will benefit not only your business and employees, but the Monterey Peninsula's hospitality industry in general.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns.

Sincerely,



Sam Farr
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM REP. FARR

Washington, D.C. – *Congressman Sam Farr (CA-17) issued the following statement today in support of Monterey Bay Travelodge employee Juana Enriquez's right to act as spokesperson for employees during the current labor dispute:*

"I have followed the efforts of Monterey Bay Travelodge employees to secure a fair contract for the better part of the last year. I know how hard they work and how important their salaries and benefits are to their families. I had hoped by now both sides would have reached a fair resolution so both employees and the employer could enjoy the stability and guarantees of a fair contract. Instead, the employees and their families face continued uncertainty and no healthcare coverage, which the employer stripped from them last October.

"I am particularly alarmed by the apparent attempt of the employer to stifle the employees' voice by threatening to fire Juana Enriquez, a long time housekeeper who has become the spokeswoman and heroine for this struggle. The facts of this case are now before that National Labor Relations Board and I am confident that the board will render a just and equitable decision ensuring the Travelodge employees can freely exercise their constitutional rights of free speech and assembly without fear of intimidation."

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