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Angie Ipong  
Secretariat  
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Dear Angie,

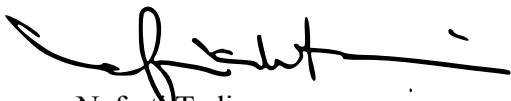
Warm greetings to you!

I write to send my warm congratulations to you and all the members of the Unyon ng mga Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (UMA) on the occasion of the 4th National Congress of your organization. This is a milestone in the ongoing, inspiring struggle for justice for agricultural workers.

Along with other progressive academics and activists working in the U.S., I commend UMA for its tremendous efforts to organize and fight for the rights and welfare of agricultural workers against their pernicious and blatant exploitation and repression by transnational agribusiness and government forces. The agrarian struggle is of the greatest importance for the future of all our people, and of the world at large, for it is a struggle over the conditions of labor and land, and the right and possibility of people to feed themselves and determine their lives. All social struggles are connected to and depend on your struggle.

So I write to express strong support and warm solidarity with your bold and unmitigated efforts to transform agrarian conditions in the Philippines.

With best wishes for a successful congress, conference, and protest action on this occasion,



Neferti Tadiar