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***Smithsonian National Museum of American History and  
California State University, Channel Islands***

I am pleased to congratulate all the collaborators who worked tirelessly on the "Bittersweet Harvest-Bracero Program, 1942- 1964" exhibit.

Our Golden State is proud to host such an educational and touching traveling collection that speaks to our state's own history. The Bracero program brought 3 million Mexican citizens to the United States for emergency labor in agriculture and industry during the war years and beyond. This exhibition is a testament to the unique stories of those individuals.

I applaud the tremendous efforts of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, as well as universities across our country including California State University, Channel Islands, for all their efforts to collect and document the memories of these immigrants. Because of their tremendous work, the recollections and artifacts from America's largest guest worker program will be preserved. Thank you for the collaboration and energy you put into bringing this noble project to our state. I am pleased that it can be shared with all Californians.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your dedication to preserving this important piece of American history and accept my best wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

