

done. This is going to happen. It's not a matter of if, just a matter of when. And I want it to happen now, so we are going to keep on pushing.

Mr. Chavez once said, "When you have people together who believe in something very strongly—whether it's religion or politics or unions—things happen." And today, we've got labor leaders and CEOs and faith leaders and law enforcement, and they've come together, and they've said it's time to fix this broken immigration system. We've got Democrats and Republicans who have now passed in the Senate a comprehensive bill. And if we stay united, things will happen, things will get done.

And none of us can claim to know exactly what Cesar would have said about this fight or any other. But I do think he would want us to remember that the debates we have are less about policy than they are about people. They're about the lives of men and women and the young and not so young, who want nothing more than the chance to work hard, support their families, provide a future for their kids and their grandkids, earn their place in our American story. That's what this is all about. They're about our highest hopes and aspirations for this country that we love and the country that we leave for future generations.

As this film reminds us, that was the cause of Cesar Chavez's life, and I hope this afternoon,

it's going to inspire all of us in the causes that we have to fight as well.

I cannot stay for the screening. I've been promised by our director that I'm—or producer or somebody is going to get me the CD.

*Audience member.* DVD.

*The President.* They're—whatever. [Laughter] I'm a little technologically challenged. [Laughter] The DVD. [Laughter] The point is, I'm going to watch it this weekend. Michelle and the girls are on their way to China. It's very lonely at home, so nothing better than to see an inspiring film. And I'm really looking forward to seeing a chronicled life of one of my heroes and one of the people who inspired me to get into the work that I've gotten into. So thank you for sharing it with us. All right?

God bless. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:38 p.m. in the South Court Auditorium of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Paul F. Chavez, son of late United Farm Workers cofounder Cesar E. Chavez; Deputy Director of Public Engagement Julie Chavez Rodriguez; actor Rosario Dawson, who portrayed United Farm Worker cofounder Dolores C. Huerta in the film "Cesar Chavez"; and Diego Luna, director, "Cesar Chavez."

## Statement on the Death of Robert S. Strauss

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Michelle and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Strauss. Bob was one of the greatest leaders the Democratic Party ever had, yet Presidents of both parties relied on his advice, his instincts, and his passion for public service, not to mention his well-honed sense of humor. As President Carter's Trade Representative, he helped open new markets for American exports. As President Bush's last Ambassador to the Soviet Union and first Ambassador

to the Russian Federation, he stood up for our interests and values at a moment of immense change. Bob was truly one of a kind, and our thoughts are with his children, his family, and his friends too numerous to count.

NOTE: The statement referred to President George H.W. Bush; and Robert A. Strauss, Sr., Richard Strauss, and Susan Breen, children of Mr. Strauss.