

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Farm workers march on Capitol to push bill

Thousands of farm workers marched on the state Capitol on Sunday, pressing their case for legislation they hope will transform the relationship between laborers and growers in California.

Farm workers and their supporters arrived at the Capitol early Sunday afternoon, capping a 150-mile march through the Central Valley. Against a backdrop of fluttering United Farm Workers flags and cheering farm workers and their families, a stream of union leaders and politicians called on Gov. Gray Davis to sign the Senate bill, which would give the workers the right to binding arbitration in contract negotiations with growers.

Growers say the bill is a draconian remedy that would drive many California farms out of business.

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