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Dear Employer:

I'm writing to let you know about this year's Vegetables Wage Survey. We are required to conduct this survey as part of a federal program that determines the prevailing wages paid to vegetable pickers in Maine. We greatly appreciate the cooperation you have given us in the past, making it possible to establish prevailing wages by occupational activity for your industry.

This survey asks employers to provide wage rates, number of hours worked, etc. for vegetable pickers during one week of the peak season. **The payroll week selected for this year's survey is the week which includes Friday, August 26.**

We ask that you complete the enclosed forms and return them to us by Friday, September 16 in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Please include only those workers whose primary duties are picking vegetables and do not include workers who are family members or students.

We know this is a busy time for you; if you would rather send us a copy of your payroll records for the survey week, please do so. If you had no employment of vegetable pickers during this week, please still complete and return the *Survey of Prevailing Practices*. All information regarding individuals and employers will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions or prefer assistance with the survey, please contact Suzanne Thivierge at (207) 621-5176, e-mail at Suzanne.P.Thivierge@Maine.gov, or fax to (207) 287-2947. Visit our website for forms, links, FAQs, and more at <http://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/wageSurveys.html>.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Julie D. Rabinowitz'.

Julie D. Rabinowitz
Director of Policy, Operations and Communication

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Enclosures