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Arizona Legislative Democrats Statement on Cesar Chavez Allegations and Support for Survivors

PHOENIX- Senate and House Democratic Leaders **Priya Sundareshan** and **Oscar De Los Santos** released the following statement regarding recently published allegations of sexual assault and misconduct involving Cesar Chavez.

"The Arizona Senate and House Democratic Caucuses are deeply troubled by recent reports detailing allegations of sexual abuse involving Cesar Chavez, including those brought forward by Dolores Huerta and others. We honor their courage to tell their stories after so many years. We hear you, we see you, and we stand with you.

These allegations are painful and difficult, especially for a community that has long look to this legacy with pride. But let us be clear, there is no place, ever, for abuse or exploitation of power. Allegations involving the abuse of young women or minors are especially serious and must be confronted with honesty and transparency. Every leader, no matter their stature, must be held accountable.

We recognize the deep pain this moment brings. It is okay to feel anger, heartbreak, and confusion. But we must also understand: These actions are not reflective of our values. Our community and coalitions have always been rooted in dignity, respect, justice, and the collective strength of the people.

This movement is bigger than one person. The progress achieved was built by countless individuals who carried this work forward with integrity and courage.

We stand unequivocally with survivors and remain committed to ensuring they are supported, heard, and never silenced."