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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza has placed before Federal Energy Office Administrator William E Simon an urgent demand that migrant farm workers be assured of adequate gasoline supplies to enable them to follow agricultural crops north during the next few months.

"It is unfortunate", the South Texan said, "that many of these people have to leave South Texas, and we are daily working on trying to attract industry into our area to provide year-round employment -- with some success, I am happy to say, but the fact remains that there are many who still must migrate..

Citing recent surveys which show that two-thirds of migrant labor farmers including many from South Texas will be unable to go where the crops are unless they can get fuel for their cars and trucks , Rep de la Garza warned that the result could be "a grave food shortage".

A possible solution suggested by Rep de la Garza was to identify the migrant workers and have designated stops along the major highways.

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