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The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Jerry Nadler, Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Durbin, Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Graham, and Ranking Member Nadler:

The H-2B Workforce Coalition is comprised of small and seasonal businesses across the country owned and operated by thousands of employers and their representatives from industries such as lodging, landscaping, seafood, restaurants, tourism, equine, forestry, mobile outdoor amusement, golf courses, and others. Our members are seasonal businesses that rely on the H-2B visa program to supplement their U.S. workforce during seasonal surge and peak business needs. The Coalition has supported meaningful reform to the temporary worker program for many years while strongly advocating for temporary cap relief in annual must pass bills.

In 2022, our coalition spent many months in conversation with several members of the U.S. House of Representatives and many other stakeholders in pursuit of common ground that addressed the concerns of all interested parties. We understand discussions continued this year that our coalition was not involved with, resulting in draft legislation proposed by Senators Graham and Padilla.

As the only H-2B coalition comprised of national associations representing the industries that use the H-2B guest worker program, we appreciate the efforts these Senators have made to address much needed cap relief and program reforms for small and seasonal businesses that need a predictable source of seasonal surge labor to supplement their American workforce. Coalition members have reviewed the draft and due to continuing concerns among our membership, the coalition cannot take a position on the legislation at this time.

We would welcome the opportunity to be involved in continued negotiations over H-2B reform legislation and look forward to working with Senators Graham and Padilla, as well as their colleagues in Congress, to address permanent cap relief and reforms to the H-2B nonimmigrant visa programs on behalf of the seasonal businesses we represent.

Sincerely,


Andrew Bray
Chair


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Vice Chair