**CUSTOMIZE LETTER**

Dear X,

Senators King and Rounds are circulating [a letter](https://sealabor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Rounds-King-DHS-DOL-Letter-on-H-2B.docx) that requests that DHS exercise its authority to release the full number, 44,617, of H-2B visas it is authorized to release and to compel DOL to speed up its H-2B processing. Will Senator X sign the letter?

Even if DHS releases the full number of visas it is authorized to release it will not be enough to satisfy the demand. DOL received requests for over 136,000 worker positions for the second half allotment of 33,000 H-2B visas. There are over 100,000 positions requested in excess of the cap!

Senator X’s signature on this letter would be much appreciated as well as anything he/she can do to help secure significant H-2B cap relief in the upcoming spending. I urge Senator X to work with Senators Graham, Manchin and Coons to include either a Returning Worker Exemption or S. 2443 in the upcoming spending bill. My company is currently making budgeting decisions for this upcoming season but absent an H-2B fix, we are having to plan accordingly. This means forgoing the hiring of additional full-time, year-round American workers, reducing equipment and supply purchases and cancelling contracts. We were planning on growing this year and now we will have to make severe cutbacks. This is the last thing our economy needs as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic!

The situation is dire and we need the Senator’s support more than ever. Thank you!