**CUSTOMIZE LETTER**

Dear X,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am the owner of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My business is a seasonal business meaning that I have a need for X number of seasonal employees during my peak season.

As I am sure you have heard from other constituents and have experienced in your everyday life, employers are struggling to find employees. And if employers offering full-time, year-round employment are having difficulty finding workers, imagine how difficult it must be for seasonal employers. I can tell you it is next to impossible! This is despite extensive recruitment efforts.

On January 4th, DOL announced that it had received requests for over 136,000 worker positions for the second half allotment of 33,000 H-2B visas. This is a 40% increase over last year, reflecting the crisis level labor shortage faced by seasonal employers. My company was assigned Group A, meaning in all likelihood I will be one of the fortunate 24% of applicants to receive its workers. This was sheer luck and I am grateful but I know all too well the impact of not receiving workers.

The implication of the record demand for the program is that without a permanent fix to the H-2B program, most seasonal employers who have a spring or summer need will only have a one in four chance of receiving their workers. The situation is dire and we need Representative X’s support more than ever.

Will Senator X commit to cosponsoring S. 2443? This bill would modernize the H-2A program to include seafood processors, equine workers and landscapers.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to hearing back from you!