**DHS and DOL template**

**CUSTOMIZE LETTER**

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Secretary Walsh,

My name is X and I am the X of X located in X. My company is a user of the temporary, non-immigrant H-2B guest-worker program.

On February 24th [DHS announced](https://sealabor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/FY21-H-2b-cap-announcement.pdf) that the H-2B cap for the second half of fiscal year 2021 has been met. Absent cap relief, I will not be receiving my H-2B workers. This is devastating news. Since my American worker recruitment period began, I have received X applicants. This is despite the fact that I am advertising [explain where you are advertising]. I am currently turning down and canceling contracts as well as making plans to downsize my company if I do not receive my H-2B workers. This will include laying off several of my full-time, year-round American workers.

The Consolidated Appropriations of 2021, signed into law on December 27, 2020, grants the Administration the authority to release up to 69,320 additional H-2B visas.

If I am to receive my H-2B workers in time for my busy spring season, it is essential that DHS makes it decision sooner than later and send the rule to OMB for review. Even if the decision is made this week, the workers would arrive late. Hypothetical timeline:

* February 24th: cap met
* March 1st-5th: supplemental visa release announcement is made, rule sent to the Office of Management and Budget for review
* March 15th-19th: rule published, petitions received by DHS, lottery conducted IF the requested beneficiaries exceed the number of visas released
* March 22nd-26th: DHS begins issuing receipt notices
* April 15th-May 15th: workers arrive (significant variance due to likely backlog for appointments at consulates)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. In this current economy, every step must be taken to facilitate economic growth and save American jobs.

I look forward to your response.