**CUSTOMIZE LETTER**

Dear X,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am the owner of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am proud of the company that I have poured my heart and soul into for the last \_\_\_\_\_ years. I employ \_\_\_\_ year-round local, American workers. I provide competitive salaries and benefits as well as paying a substantial amount of taxes that support the local economy.

As you know, my company and the other seasonal businesses in Rep. X’s district have had an impossible time finding labor. This has been compounded by the insufficient number of visas made available to us in the H-2B program. The cap of 66,000 was set in 1990 and has not been altered since. This cap is crippling my business. I have had to cancel contracts, reduce equipment and supply purchases and it has prevented me from hiring additional full-time, year-round American workers.

On June 15th, Congressman Cuellar introduced the Returning Worker Exception Act of 2021. This legislation would reform the H-2B program by exempting returning workers from the cap, ensuring that my business and all other seasonal businesses would able to fulfill our labor needs and contribute to our nation’s post-pandemic economic recovery. The legislation would also strengthen the integrity of the program with measures aimed to protect both American workers and H-2B workers.

My American workers will be the direct beneficiary of this legislation. H-2B workers do not take American jobs, they create American jobs. As the research overwhelming shows, every H-2B worker supports the jobs of between 3.2 and 4.6 American workers. To receive a certification from DOL, I am required to canvass the local labor market and preferentially hire qualified American workers.

Will Rep. X commit to cosponsoring Rep. Cuellar’s Returning Worker Exception Act of 2021?

Thank you for reading my urgent plea. I look forward to your response.