

## **H-2B Call to Action**

With the end of the year quickly approaching, it is more important than ever to again contact your elected officials and ask them to pass an extension of the H-2B returning worker exemption before Congress adjourns for the year.

Please call your Member of Congress and two Senators through the Capitol switchboard at (202) 225-3121. Ask to speak to their staff person in charge of immigration. Tell them about your company and how important the H-2B program is to your business. Describe the impact of not getting H-2B workers this year and ask them to work to pass an immediate extension of the H-2B returning worker exemption that expired. If they have not already done so ask them to cosponsor the "Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2007" (House Bill H.R. 1843, and Senate Bill S. 988). Urge them to encourage their party leadership to pass the legislation. Please also ask your full-time American employees to call. Sample scripts for your calls are below.

Additionally, please take a few minutes to send an updated letter from our Web site at: <http://www.congressweb.com/cweb4/index.cfm?orgcode=pln>.

### **Owner/Manager Script**

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I can calling from company, which is located in city and state. Our company uses the H-2B visa seasonal guest worker program which has two 6 month caps. The cap for both the first and second halves of fiscal year 2008 have been reached, which means I will not be able to hire H-2B workers.**

**For the last three years Congress has passed legislation that exempts the returning workers from the cap. Please work with your party leadership to get an immediate extension of the H-2B returning worker exemption passed and signed into law before Congress adjourns for the year. The "Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2007" (House Bill H.R. 1843, and Senate Bill S. 988) would extend the returning worker exemption. For more information about these bills, you can contact Senator Mikulski or Representative Stupak.**

Tell the staff person what will happen to your company, your employees and other local businesses if the returning worker exemption is not extended quickly.

### **Employee Script**

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I can calling from company, which is located in city and state. Our company uses the H-2B visa seasonal guest worker program which has two 6 month caps. The cap for the first half of fiscal year 2008 was reached in September. The cap for the second half of the fiscal year, which begins**

**on April first, will be reached very soon, which means my company will not be able to hire H-2B workers.**

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Tell the staff person that you work for the company year round, but that the success of the company and your job depend on being able to hire guest workers for the busy spring season.