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Regarding: CPHA-2008 H-2B Visa Program Update – UNITED STATES SENATE HAS PASSED LEGISLATION INCLUDING THE RETURNING WORKER EXEMPTION – STILL NEEDS PASSAGE BY US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear John Doe,

On October 4, 2007 we sent you an update indicating the H-2B numerical limit, or “cap” had been reached for the first half of the current fiscal year. This update explained the ramifications of Congress failing to extend and reinstate the H-2B returning worker exemption. In this update, we also asked you to contact your US Senators and Congressional Representatives, urging them to act on this important piece of legislation. Countless people wrote these letters, and yesterday evening (October 16, 2007) the United States Senate passed legislation that included a one year emergency extension of the H-2B Returning Worker Extension. This Bill (the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill) will now move to a House-Senate Conference. This Conference will decide whether to retain the H-2B Returning Worker Exemption.

As previously mentioned, there is strong support for the returning worker exemption from various industries that rely on these returning workers just like the horse industry does. Progress has been made, but **everyone** must get involved in contacting their Congressional Representatives if we are to have a successful 2008 H-2B visa season. We are again attaching a sample letter you can write and send to you Congressional Representatives if you have not yet done so, as well as web link to their contact information.

In the interim, please be assured we continue to work diligently on your H-2B visa case in order to be ready to proceed should the returning worker exemption be reinstated. If you have not yet sent our office information or documents we have requested, please do so as soon as possible as they are necessary for the filing of your H-2B visa case. If you are uncertain if your file is complete or whether you have provided all required information or documents, please contact our office.

Please be advised that all H-2B visa holders currently in the United States must timely depart in order to comply with United States Federal Regulations. Should your H-2B workers have any questions, please have them contact our office at 858-259-8860.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters and as always, please feel free to contact Attorneys Lisa Galliath and Samantha Mendis, or H-2 Director Luis Gavaldon with any questions you may have at 858-259-0755.

Very truly yours,

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SENATOR LETTER

- . Follow the following link to contact your Senators regarding the urgently needed H-2B returning worker exemption extension:

<http://capwiz.com/aila2/issues/alert/?alertid=10162161>

. SAMPLE LETTER TO SENATOR

- . Dear Senator _____,
- . I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the bipartisan "Save Our Small and Seasonal Business Act of 2007" (S. 988) introduced by Senator Mikulski. This legislation is of critical importance to small businesses in our community and the U.S. economy in general.
- . The Save Our Small and Seasonal Business Act would help small business employers who are reliant on seasonal workers to hire qualified individuals to work during peak months. The bill would provide much needed immediate relief by extending an existing exemption in the H-2B visa cap for experienced foreign workers who have participated in the H-2B program within the past three years, have followed all our laws while here, and then returned to their native countries as required. This exemption expired on September 30, 2007 and renewal is urgently needed.
- . I respectfully urge you to support the "Save Our Small and Seasonal Business Act" (S. 988) and help small businesses such as ours stay in business.
- . Sincerely,

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. **SAMPLE LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE**

- . Dear Representative _____,
- . I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the bipartisan "Save Our Small and Seasonal Business Act of 2007" (H.R. 1843) introduced by Congressman Bart Stupak. This legislation is of critical importance to small businesses in our community and the U.S. economy in general.
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