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April 1, 2021

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

I am writing on behalf of business owners in New York's 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to request that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) expeditiously release additional visas under the H-2B visa program, which reached capacity on February 12, 2021. I joined my colleagues in supporting the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Budget which authorized the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to release up to 69,320 additional H-2B visas for FY21. I request that DHS utilize the additional allotment of H-2B visas and ensure New York's businesses can hire the workers they need.

Multiple industries in New York's 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, ranging from landscaping to hospitality, are experiencing workforce shortages. These business owners have been unable to hire American workers to fill vacancies. It is critical to support these businesses as they work to make up losses from the past year.

The H-2B program is a lifeline for many businesses in my district that need temporary workers to keep their doors open. As Main Street businesses work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the program ensures these businesses can maintain their labor needs and support economic recovery for our local communities.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Antonio Delgado  
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