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Subject: Rounds-King Letter re: Release of Remaining Supplemental H-2B Visas

Please see the following . . . Senator Smith (D-MN) has signed onto the above captioned letter.

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From: "Marcy, Samantha (Smith)" <Samantha_Marcy@smith.senate.gov>
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Date: 02/08/2022 10:59 AM
Subject: RE: Rounds-King Letter re: Release of Remaining Supplemental H-2B Visas

Hi Jim,

Thank you for reaching out. Senator Smith has signed on to this letter.

Best,

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Subject: Rounds-King Letter re: Release of Remaining Supplemental H-2B Visas

Dear Samantha:

I am writing to you again today as representative of the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul and a resident of White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Senators King (I-ME) and Rounds (R-SD) are circulating a letter requesting that DHS exercise its authority to release the full number, 44,617, of H-2B visas it is authorized to release and to compel DOL to speed up its H-2B processing. Will Senator Smith please sign the letter?

The following Senators have already signed the subject letter:

Democrats

Bennet (CO), Carper (DE), Coons (DE), Hickenlooper (CO), Kaine (VA), King (ME), Manchin (WV), Menendez (NJ), Shaheen (NH), Warnock (GA) and Warner (VA)

Republicans

Collins (ME), Cornyn (TX), Crapo (ID), Barrasso (WY), Graham (SC), Lummis (WY), Portman (OH), Risch (ID), Rounds (SD) and Wicker (MS)

Even if DHS releases the full number of visas it is authorized to release it will not be enough to satisfy the demand. DOL received requests for over 136,000 worker positions for the second half allotment of 33,000 H-2B visas. There are over 100,000 positions requested in excess of the cap!

Senator Smith's signature on this letter would be much appreciated as well as anything she can do to help secure significant H-2B cap relief in the upcoming spending. I urge Senator Smith to work with Senators Graham, Manchin and Coons to include either a Returning Worker Exemption or S. 2443 in the upcoming spending bill. Our business partners that utilize the H-2B Visa program are currently making planning/budgeting decisions for the coming operating season already under way, but, absent an H-2B fix, they are having to scale back or forgo the hiring of additional full-time, year-round American workers, reduce equipment and supply purchases and cancel contracts. We were all planning on a growth year this year, but now may be required to make severe cutbacks. This is the last thing our economy needs as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic!

Close of business today, February 8th is the deadline to sign the letter. The situation is dire and we need the Senator's support more than ever. Thank you!

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