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Dick Durbin, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Jim Jordan, Chair House Judiciary Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Jerry Nadler, Ranking Member House Judiciary Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Durbin, Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Graham, and Ranking Member Nadler:

We, the undersigned companies in this letter, are H-2B program users in the construction industry. This letter is meant to convey our enthusiastic endorsement of Senator Graham and Padilla's "Seasonal Employment Protection Act."

This bill provides permanent workforce certainty to most current users of the program in construction occupations. Through the certified employer provision, employers with a record of H-2B program participation and compliance would be eligible for an H-2B visa cap exemption based on demonstrated historical workforce needs.

We acknowledge the bill restricts access for most of the industry going forward but all *current* program users in the construction industry would be grandfathered in. We can access the program going forward and would be eligible for the certified employer provision. As such this bill provides unprecedented workforce certainty to current program users in construction occupations.

Currently, H-2B visa demand vastly outpaces supply. In 2023, the Department of Labor certified 223000 positions yet the H-2B visa cap remains at 66000 visas annually. Thousands of eligible employers find themselves "capped out" every year. The program, in its current form, is exclusionary to all employers and occupations attempting to access it. This bill would provide much-needed certainty for long-time H-2B employers, including those in construction occupations.

We believe the "Seasonal Employment Protection Act" represents the best opportunity for future H-2B program solvency and we urge members of Congress to cosponsor this historic legislation.

Sincerely,

Concrete Masonry and Hardscapes Association Natural Stone Institute

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Red Canyon Roofing
Stucco Works, Inc.
TCC Roofing Contractors

Turner Morris Inc. Vintage Stone Company

Connecticut
MDF Coatings

<u>Delaware</u> Ayala Painting

<u>Florida</u>

Advanced Roofing
Nidy Sports Construction

Company

Sterling Construction

Contractors

Trimmers Holiday Decor

<u>Georgia</u>

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Development

<u>Idaho</u>

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Roofing

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Maryland

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Corporation

Massachusetts

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Corporation

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<u>Nebraska</u>

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Dirt Dynamics
Monsters Contracting
Sair Concrete
Tecta America Dakotas

Ohio

ALBA Contractors
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Cianci Construction Group
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Regency Roofing Companies
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Wright of Pennsylvania

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