

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Majority Leader Unites States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

The Agriculture Workforce Coalition urges the Senate to pass an agriculture labor reform bill this Congress that provides the solution American agriculture needs. The farm labor crisis is hindering production and contributing to food price inflation. We must address this workforce crisis threatening farms across the United States so our producers can continue to feed, clothe, and fuel our nation.

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) are working on legislation to provide stability for our existing workers and make key reforms to the H-2A program, the visa program farmers use to hire legal workers to supplement their U.S. workforce. The House has passed legislation already and it is time now for the Senate to act before the end of the year. The House bill is not perfect and needs improvements. The Senators are working to address many of those concerns and provide stability to farmers across the country. Without immediate action by the Senate, the federal government's outdated policies and broken immigration system are forcing many farmers to consider whether they can continue in labor-intensive agriculture.

The country cannot afford for the Senate to miss this opportunity to provide stability to both farmers and farmworkers. We implore the Senate to pass legislation in a bipartisan manner to address our agricultural workforce challenges and ease inflationary pressure on food costs for all Americans.

Sincerely,

AWC Steering Committee

American Farm Bureau Federation
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Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
International Fresh Produce Association
National Council of Agricultural Employers
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
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Florida Farm Bureau Federation

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Idaho Apple Commission

Idaho Cherry Commission

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Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

Idaho Grain Producers Association

Idaho Grower Shippers Assn.

Idaho Hay and Forage Association

Idaho Honey Industry Association

Idaho Hop Growers Association

Idaho Oilseed Commission

Idaho Onion Growers Association

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Michigan Milk Producers Association

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Midwest Groundcovers

Midwest Trading Horticultural Supplies

Milk Producers Council

Minnesota Milk Producers Association

Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association

Misty Organics

Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Monterey County Farm Bureau

Mount Adams Fruit

Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association

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National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

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National Milk Producers Federation

National Onion Association

National Peach Council

National Watermelon Association

NationFresh LLC

Nature Fresh Farms USA Inc

NatureSweet

Nebraska Cooperative Council

Nebraska State Dairy Association

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau

New York Apple Association

New York Apple Sales, Inc.

New York Farm Bureau

New York Horticultural Society

New York State Flower Industries

New York State Maple Producers Association

New York State Nursery & Landscape Association

New York State Vegetable Growers Association

Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Assn.

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North American Blueberry Council

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North Carolina Farm Bureau

North Carolina Potato Association

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Northwest Ag Cooperative Council

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Northwest Horticultural Council

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Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

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Texas Association of Dairymen

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Texas Farm Bureau

Texas International Produce Association

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The Oppenheimer Group

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Washington Farm Bureau

Washington State Dairy Federation

Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association

Washington State Potato Commission

Washington State Tree Fruit Association

West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association

Western States Dairy Producers Association

Westfalia Fruit USA

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