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Attention: Mr. Charles Spry
Senator Johnny Isakson
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Dear Senator:

We cannot thank you enough for cutting through the red-tape at the Vt. Service Center and getting our H2B visa's approved timely!! Our 1st appointment is set for October 25th and the company that schedules the appointments insists that we must present the original I-797 Petition even though the Vt. Service Center told us in an email that the Consulate in Monterrey had been notified. This is one added step of security that we question the need for.

However, as I have stated to Charles Spry and Don Ewalt, I have insights into what will make this program better for the Nation and will assist our Country in many dimensions provided the Government can execute the changes. From my perspective, Government Agencies must gear up to manage the program correctly and that the ability to fire Federal employees who mismanage events needs to be addressed. I will also state that there are many experienced Federal Employees who have depth and true understanding of this program who need to engage in dialog with Congress to create a better program. Carl Miller, who was the first U.S.D.O.L. field auditor I met, has over the years developed a realistic understanding of the program.

Not that he would have all the answers, but he does or should have developed some wisdom and insights because he has both the experience and history in the program to gain credible insights. Teresa Logue (ph. 202-305-8419) with DHS has grounded, factual common sense in this area and would be worth meeting to gain perspectives on fixing the program. Mark Wells with Dept of State would be one of the best Consuls to speak with or have testify to Congress as Mark organized the first Round Table meeting in Monterrey Mexico in December of 2000 bringing members from DOL, INS, and private industry together in one meeting so that the private sector and Government (including Mexican Officials) could review eye to eye the program and seek

improvements. These three people are extremely qualified and I would suggest running my recommendations by them. I would respect their opinions regardless of whether they agree or disagree with what I have outlined below.

Senator, I want to share with you what I see as steps that this program needs in order to fix many of the short falls that are now present. The 1st order of business is to support **Senate Bill 988** that allows for returning H2B workers to **NOT HAVE THEIR NEW VISA COUNT** towards the cap of 66,000. This simple reauthorization of a law used last year will allow those who have had a visa in the past to return without their renewed visa affecting the cap limit. (I am certain thousands of small business owners are pulling their hair out now that the cap has been reached and this is a simple action that can provide immediate relief and is worthy of support).

(This bill is now attached to a spending bill in the Senate and we want to thank you for helping make this happen.)

As the Border is tightened and enforcement against the hiring of UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS INCREASES, Government has the obligation to open doors that create access to legal workers wanting to come and work in our County in order to move their own lives forward. This is a point that Lou Dobbs keeps missing in his hammering of failed Immigration Policy and I hope he eats his hypocrisy by becoming a self sufficient back to the land organic farmer so that he never has to eat food that has been touched by a migrant worker legally in the country or not. He can even grow corn and save the cobs for the outhouse as my own Grandfather did. Perhaps then he would begin to see the value in expanding the visa program to supply an alternative to crossing the border illegally.

2nd We need to create what I call the H2B-US1 Temporary Work Visa.

Congress needs to create this new visa class so that the millions of undocumented workers currently here can go get a work visa. Then we, our Government, can learn who they are, who they work for, if they have children born here in the United States, and do they have a history of being a criminal, and do they have issues with DUI's, etc.

Allow them to stay and work **for 18 more months MAXIMUM** and have them exit the county and have this **H2B-US1 Visa cancelled at our Consulates in Monterrey, Ghana, or Honduras, etc, in order for them to become eligible for a new visa – a standard H2B visa.**

This one time visa **IS NOT AMNESTY NOR IS IT A ROAD TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY**, the real issue behind the current anti-immigrant movement. The world benefits most from these workers going home with lots of local currency in their pockets so that they can leap frog their lives forward.

Senator you will never find an ambassador who can create more good will towards the United States than a common man (and or woman) returning home from 9 months of working in the United States with enough money in the bank to build a new home and move the family out of a dirt floor shack.

Moving families from this:



To this: – This is what our company does! If our Federal Government stepped up and ran the program correctly, our stature in the world would return in the blink of an eye.



The two houses, rather the shack and this house to the left of this text box demonstrate what working for a few years in the United States can do for a family that once in a dirt floor shack.

This home belongs to Jaime Ramos who lives just outside of Paracho, Michoacan, Mexico. The shack belongs to an old widow woman with no children in the USA.

I documented these homes back in 1996. Today, many workers have built homes of finer construction from earnings in the USA.

No diplomacy or diplomatic corps will be able to spread the process and benefits of capitalism and free enterprise better than the family, who in the village of shacks and open toilets moves into their own brick home with running water and a septic system that works. After working abroad in the United States for 3 to 4 years, they return home for 3 to 4 months each year, lifting the entire family out of poverty. An action completed in a few short years that many fathers could never achieve in their lifetime in their local economy. Many of which are located in environmentally degraded landscapes that have been degraded after centuries of mismanagement. (Visit www.ucicglobal.com for the solution to that situation-we are busy people). This is so simple and so fruitful that getting the Government to see it may not be possible. But I am compelled to make my case for I have seen it with my own eyes.

Those now carrying H2B-US1 visas found to have 3 or more DUI's, or other criminal records are banned from getting a new regular H2B visa (or any visa) for 10 years. Those who have been jailed for felony crimes, are banned for at least a decade and maybe forever.

Those who have children born in the United States can file for a Resident Alien Card in a fast track method. In 5 years, provided they have no issues with the law, they can apply for citizenship. But limit this to persons who have children born in this county and under present law the children already are U.S. Citizens. Then change the law that children born to non U.S. Citizens are issued a birth certificate of "Birth Abroad" and list the mother's native county as the country of citizenship; just like Americans do now when birth is given abroad. **Citizenship should include country of origin - not location of birth. A redefinition that is long over due.**

NOW ON TO THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT 10 MILLION H2B WORKERS WILL HAVE ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND!

THE MATH: 10 MILLION H2B WORKERS EARNING \$8 PER HOUR WILL GENERATE \$26 BILLION A YEAR IN WINDFALL FICA TAX RENVUE. This is a solution. There is nothing wrong with funding FICA needs from temporary guest workers. Some will complete the quarters needed to collect Social Security benefits but most will not as they leap frog their lives forward in their home country. Most end up starting small cottage industries at home and only return to work in the U.S. when finances demand an influx of quick cash. This can go a long ways towards fixing the Social Security Deficit if we really get serious about the situation.

(10,000,000 H2B) (\$8.00/hr) (40 hrs/wk) (52wks/yr) (.153 FICA and Medicare Tax) = \$25,459,200.00

Show me an easier and similar way to fix the Social Security Trust Fund and the broke Medicare Fund!!

The only difference between today's reality and this change is that we collect the payroll taxes on the wages being earned. These people are already here, they have been for at least a decade.

Visas should be for the best from other countries, the best in character and skills. I have been there, I know more about visas and legal as well as illegal migrant workers than most Americans do. I fought for years to open the H2B program and had to force it open or lose my home and business.

Senator, we have areas of work that Americans will not perform efficiently. We have Americans who do work in the woods, but it is a rare day when you can form a crew that will actually get the job done.

This gives rise to the question of what is wrong with American labor? In a nutshell, uneducated workers will find a job at the local level where they can go home every night. From short order cooks, to mechanics, to driving trucks and operating equipment, to manufacturing herbicides, fertilizers, etc., jobs can be found for the person who wants the 9 to 5. It is the traveling away from home that makes working in our industry so difficult for Americans. I will be in 3 states on 3 different contracts in the next two weeks.

Yet, our workers help support American workers who have the 9 to 5 home life. Consider this, in 2006 we grossed \$848,000.00 paid our H2B workers a total of \$100,634.74 and paid our local vendors of American companies for direct contract supplies some \$113,084.27. Regarding insurance we spent another \$32,342.86 with American insurance companies to protect our workers and the public. We paid just over \$27,831.98 in banking and professional fees in the process of funding and managing our gross of \$848,000 that would have never come to fruition without our core crew of H2B workers! So \$100,634.74 in H2B wages that paid some \$13,626.55 in FICA taxes along the way, contributed an additional \$533,268 to our Nation's GNP thus supporting the employment of thousands of Americans in a wide range of industries, from the hamburger cook to the local banker and his/hers investors and we did so at a profit. And we are a micro size small business but clearly our H2B workers contribute right at 5 times their paid salaries in additional business commerce placing income in the pockets of many Americans.

This is the value that a good visa program adds directly to our Nation's economy.

From the extra chicken that the local restaurant in the middle of rural America sells our traveling crew to the chainsaws, and sprayers to the safety glasses, and bottles of bug repellent sold across America, H2B workers support American jobs. **A concept that people like Lou Dobbs can't handle.** Yes, lots of what he brings to the surface has merit, but on expanding H2B and H2A and perhaps B1 visas we keep the economy running. It is simple physics, get tough on undocumented workers; a good thing, then open the visa programs to handle the proper flow of workers or slow and perhaps even derail the economy. For without migrants none of us eat, it is that simple.

Enough for now, you can see my points and I look forward to assisting you in this matter and hope sound legislation starts sooner rather than later.

I would like to share with you some of the roads we have been down!

From This:



To This:



We have helped many very poor families move from a shack to a good, sound home.

We also played a major role in breaking up a corrupt Mexican recruiting company, “helping locals get an H2B visa”. This kind of crap causes men to overstay their visas since to return home properly would mean taking years to paying off their debt to such sharks.



The man who ran this labor recruiting business in Oaxaca charged peasants **\$1500.00 just to get them a visa and took the deed to their homes,** “loaned” them the \$1,500.00 at 10% compounded monthly, i.e. 120%/year; and if the migrant did not make his payments this “business man” would take **his interest payment out in forced sex with the migrant’s wife and or daughter while the man was working in the United States.** We broke up his business by telling the people in Oaxaca that they did not have to pay this kind of Money to get a visa to work in the United States.

My wife and I were locked in this building while the recruiter sent two cars full of goons to scare us off. We had two of our H2B guys who live way up in the mountains with us and we let the goons know that the four of us (including my wife) would gladly handle them if they insisted on continuing to be rude. A year later when we returned to Oaxaca, we learned that Hernandez had been put out of business as the word spread and others found companies like mine who would help the guys get their passports and then the visas for actual cost. This is a story that Lou Dobbs would never share with his viewers for it shows where the corruption really is. Not with American employers, rather it is often the “recruiter” pretending to help the person with little to no money get an H2B visa. Anyone getting a visa under these circumstances is bound to be under stress once here. And of course, they will jump their visas if that is what it takes to save their home.



This is in the state of Michoacán. These are Native Indian Mexicans who learn their Indian language before Spanish. The tropical forest was cleared by the Spaniards



The mountain on the right is actually a volcano cone. The scrub you see on the hillside was tropical jungle 500 years ago. We have been researching the vegetation cover that was present per Spanish invasion and are finding indications that this dry scrub land was once standing forest. Our sister company UCICGlobal is in the process of setting

up lease programs to return the region of Mexico back to tropical forest. As global warming increases and petroleum reserves decrease over the next two to three decades we believe that the current immigration issues need quick and correct attention and that we must embrace Mexico or risk losing another key and we mean key ally. Hispanic labor supplies us with our food. Even the paper this letter is printed on is from a tree that most likely Hispanic labor planted. Lou Dobbs is good at getting us to focus on the problems but he misses the details and the value to our economy that this relationship supplies. Government has been asleep at the wheel for two decades, and the tax bleed is now biting us. 25 Billion is one year lost in FICA we are looking at over 10 times this amount as the total loss.



One of our favorite stopover towns. Note the brick vaulted ceilings.



Tequisquiapan is the name of this city.
Note: this Cypress that lives in the center of Mexico in what is now a **desert** but was once a **swamp** some **500 years ago**. **Man changed this climate in central Mx.**



Entire forest were clear cut and burned for the wood ash for orchards in Spain. Think about how much wood it would take to fill the hull of a 100 foot schooner with barrels of wood ash. This is a fact and we hope to locate some of the shipping records to learn just how much was shipped. The Spaniards took more than the Gold and Silver, they cleared the forest - the real asset of the time.



Yes, we know how to enjoy Mexico! About \$50/ nights



This is our Shack at Playa Azul Mexico during construction in 2000.
Yep, my wife! And the Pacific is our backyard.



She runs a mean chainsaw. Jill Ellis, VP Renewable Resources and founder of UCIC Global.





Our H2B visa workers spraying Herbicide in the National Forest in Alabama. Below is our Government inspector.



Hand carved columns from Mexico. Learning to plant trees in the U.S.A. helps to create future forest in Mexico. Teach a man to fish or feed him a fish? We know which is the best answer!



Senator, art like this comes from the hearts and souls of human beings simply seeking to enjoy life. Our Nation has been the beacon of independence and personal freedom. As the world grows smaller almost daily, we need to treat our global partners with respect and dignity. We have come a long way with Mexico, Pedro is not just picking our fruits and vegetables any more, he is an integrated part of our economy. Companies like UCIC Global will reciprocate technology and resources that will lift our neighbor to our south. This is the business action that keeps us strong.

I hope my pictures and stories provide some serious insight into this complex issue.

Again thanks for your help!! A new 2,000 acre cypress forest will return to Atkinson, County GA because of your assistance. It will be planted by Mexicans, some Peruvian Indians and a few good men from Ghana – working hard; restoring our lost cypress ecosystem, while pumping thousands of dollars into our national economy.

Sincerely,

David M. Ellis
President

CC: Senator Chambliss-and other Senators working on a better visa program.