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July 2, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
568 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: REQUEST FOR FEDERAL ACTION TO EXPEDITE WORK PERMITS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS

Dear President Trump, Senate Majority Leader Thune, and Speaker Johnson:

I write to request immediate federal action to create a process to issue expedited work permits to the millions of undocumented immigrants who are considered essential workers, such as farmworkers who provide critical services. These workers support many industries that keep our country afloat and, regardless of immigration status, we must not overlook the value of their economic, academic, and cultural contributions to the United States.

There are an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the shadows in the U. S., with 2.5 million in California alone. Fragmented attempts at immigration reform have failed to accommodate the many students, workers, and entrepreneurs who have immigrated with the intent to employ their diverse knowledge and skills. Issuing work permits would allow our undocumented workforce to continue to hold legal, tax-generating jobs, and for the U.S. to remain competitive in the global economy.

Our national interests and security are not well served by an outdated, slow-moving immigration system. Patchwork attempts to mend the deficiencies of our immigration system have done nothing beyond undermining our potential for prosperity and creating vulnerable populations who are highly susceptible to exploitation due to their immigration status.

The federal government must design a workforce permitting system that better responds to emerging labor needs in all sectors of the U.S. economy, ensures the highest level of national security, and allows individuals to become legal and empowered participants in our society and economy.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



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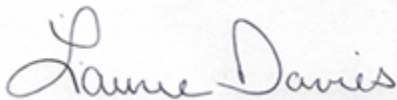
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