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Ask Your Senators Today To Support Amendment To Stop Implementation Of Final H-2B Rules

As you know, PLANET, as part of its efforts to fight onerous H-2B regulations, is a plaintiff in two lawsuits against the Department of Labor (DOL) as well as has been reaching out to Congress. They recently reported that the federal court in the Northern District of Florida issued a preliminary injunction preventing the H-2B program rule from taking effect. Today, PLANET has informed us that Congress is also taking up the cause.

The Senate Appropriations Committee plans to take up the fiscal 2013 funding bill for the Department of Labor (DOL) on Thursday, June 14. During the debate, Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) plans to offer an amendment that would prohibit the DOL from implementing the final H-2B wage methodology rule and the final H-2B program rule.

Please call your senators today, and ask them to contact the committee chairman and ranking members, express their support for the Shelby amendment, and make sure the amendment is in the final funding bill before it's voted on. Call and ask to speak to the staff person who handles the DOL appropriations. Tell him or her about how the H-2B rules will hurt your business and ask them to vote for the Shelby amendment. You can reach your senators through the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 225-3121.

It is particularly helpful if you also reach out to the senators on the Appropriations Committee. The list of Appropriations Committee members and their phone numbers is below:

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Chairman—(202) 224-3934
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)— (202) 224-2315
Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)— (202) 224-4242
Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.), Ranking Member—(202) 224-5054
Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa)— (202) 224-3254
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)—(202) 224-2541
Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.)—(202) 224-4654
Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)—(202) 224-5744
Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.)—(202) 224-5653
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-Texas)—(202) 224-5922
Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)—(202) 224-2621
Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)—(202) 224-4944
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Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)—(202) 224-2523
Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.)—(202) 224-2152
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (I-Alaska)—(202) 224-6665
Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.)—(202) 224-5842
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)—(202) 224-5972

Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.)—(202) 224-5824
Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.)—(202) 224-2854
Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.)—(202) 224-4642
Sen. Daniel Coats (R-Ind.)—(202) 224-5623
Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.)—(202) 224-3224
Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)—(202) 224-5721
Sen. Ben Nelson (D-Neb.)—(202) 224-6551
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)—(202) 224-6521
Sen. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.)—(202) 224-2353
Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.)—(202) 224-2551
Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.)—(202) 224-2644
Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.)—(202) 224-5323

We know it is a busy time of year, but it's very important that we all reach out to our senators on this issue. Thank you for taking a few minutes out of your day to make these important phone calls.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Delaney, PLANET's Director of Government Affairs, at (800) 395-2522 or tomdelaney@landcarenetwork.org.

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