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April 23, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20002

Dear President Trump:

Subject: Executive Action on Immigration

Thank you for your proclamation on April 22, 2020 “Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak.” While the United States works to combat the spread and economic ramifications of COVID-19, American workers appreciate your full consideration of present public health and economic circumstances.

I write to encourage consideration of “additional measures” by the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Homeland Security, and Secretary of State, as described in Section 6 of the proclamation, within 30 days of the effective date to “ensure the prioritization, hiring, and employment of United States workers.” I respectfully request consideration of the additional suspension of the H-1B, H4, L1, B1, B2, Optional Practical Training Program, and further guestworker admissions in order to promote wages and opportunities for American workers during this period of rising unemployment.

Additionally, as you continue to evaluate United States dependency on foreign nations for essential supplies, I also encourage evaluation of United States dependency on foreign participation for essential services and labor. As you know, Americans are capable, high-skilled, and hard-working. As the recovery ramps up, there are many Americans who are eager, willing and able to work, but will lack opportunities because of policies enacted by previous administrations which often favor cheaper labor from abroad over United States workers.

Traditionally, the admission of foreign workers has been predicated on shortages of American labor. However, in the last month the COVID-19 health emergency has put more than 25 million Americans out of work. With your leadership we will make the American economy great again,

empowering United States workers and families to thrive. I look forward to working with you on continued action to protect United States workers during this recovery.

Thank you for your leadership and careful consideration of this request as our nation continues to combat the health and economic ramifications of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S."

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