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Mr. Thomas Dowd, Administrator
Office of Policy Development and Research
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., N.W. - Room N5641
Washington, D.C. 20210

RE: (RIN) 1205-AB55 (Proposed Suspension of Final H-2A Regulations)

Dear Mr. Dowd:

My name is Cecil Trivett. I am a Christmas tree farmer in Avery County, North Carolina and use the H-2A program in order to have the labor I need to grow my trees. My farm, Cecil Trivett Tree Farm, depends on the H-2A program for temporary agricultural labor and I generally hire around ten workers each year. Using the H-2A program is not a decision I take lightly. Many factors affect my decisions about Christmas tree farming. One important factor I take into account is: What are the regulations for using H-2A workers? I made my decision to use the H-2A program, this year, based on the final H-2A rules that were printed in the Federal Register on December 18, 2008 and went into effect on January 17, 2009.

I understand that Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, has announced that the United States

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Department of Labor would like to suspend the current final H-2A regulations for nine months and use the rules implemented in 1987. I feel that this proposal shows a lack of understanding of the H-2A program and how Christmas tree farms operate.

As a North Carolina farmer, I strongly urge the United States Department of Labor and the United States Secretary of Labor not to suspend the final H-2A regulations in order to revert to the old revised temporary rules.

Respectfully,

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