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### A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO IMPLEMENT THE ARIZONA TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, employers in the State of Arizona have a need for workers that  
4 is unmet by the local available labor force; and

5 Whereas, the need for additional workers occurs in numerous industries  
6 that are important to the economic welfare of the state, including the  
7 agriculture, hotel, hospitality, construction and homebuilding industries,  
8 and in hospitals and nursing homes; and

9 Whereas, the state of Arizona has historically used legal workers in  
10 the vegetable and agriculture industries; and

11 Whereas, the state of Arizona has experienced phenomenal growth  
12 increasing the need for skilled workers in the construction and homebuilding  
13 industries and other related industries; and

14 Whereas, the state of Arizona relies on economic benefits from the  
15 hotel and hospitality industry, which is experiencing a labor shortage; and

16 Whereas, hospitals and nursing homes in the State of Arizona have a  
17 shortage of adequate non-professional staff; and

18 Whereas, the state of Arizona has enacted the Arizona Temporary Worker  
19 Program, which becomes effective on federal authorization; and

20 Whereas, under the Arizona Temporary Worker Program, on request and  
21 application by an employer, the state of Arizona will issue Arizona temporary  
22 worker cards to sponsored foreign workers, after background checks, that will  
23 be authorized for two years, with renewal upon the employer's request and  
24 application. The program will require employers to report employees who do  
25 not show up for work, and the applicable employee cards will be cancelled,  
26 with notification to law enforcement. Employers will be required to comply  
27 with all employee-related state and federal laws.

28 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
29 Representatives concurring, prays:

30 1. That the Congress of the United States enact federal legislation  
31 that authorizes the State of Arizona to implement the Arizona Temporary  
32 Worker Program.

33 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
34 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the  
35 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
36 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.