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Statement of the Agriculture Workforce Coalition on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Hearing Looking at Agricultural Guestworker Programs

Washington, D.C. (July 19, 2017)--“Today’s hearing of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security highlighted the labor crisis facing America’s farmers, ranchers and growers and the lack of options they have in dealing with this situation. We would like to commend the subcommittee for holding it and look forward to their continued work on the issue.

“Throughout this process, the AWC remains committed to the principles that have united the farm community on immigration. These include addressing both the current workforce and the future labor needs of agriculture by ensuring that any new guest worker program is responsive to market forces and can be used by producers with both seasonal and year-round labor demands.”

About the Agriculture Workforce Coalition

The AWC brings together organizations representing the diverse needs of agricultural employers across the country. The coalition serves as the unified voice of agriculture in the effort to ensure that America’s farmers, ranchers and growers have access to a stable and secure workforce now and in the future.