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FORWARD LATINO SUPPORTS DHS FINAL RULE THAT EXTENDS STAY OF IMMIGRANTS & ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY ARE PLAYING DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC!

Franklin, WI. - Today the Department of Homeland Security issued "Temporary Changes to Requirements Affecting H-2A Nonimmigrants due to the COVID-19 National Emergency." This rule allows immigrants holding an H-2A visa to extend their stay and removes additional limitations on workers and employers "thereby protecting the integrity of the nation's food supply chain..."

Forward Latino National President issued the following statement:

"While most of the nation shelters in place due to the national crisis created by Coronavirus, COVID-19, it is for the heroism and hard work of immigrants that we find shelves full of protein and produce in our local supermarkets and convenience stores. Today's final rule issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, underscores this very fact. This ruling reaffirms Forward Latino's stated position that immigrants make our nation stronger and that the passage of comprehensive immigration reform should be the first priority of the next administration."

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members in 28 states. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org.

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