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The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

The American Mushroom Institute supports the Agricultural Guestworker Act of 2017, which will address the workforce crisis facing the agriculture sector, including the mushroom farm community. We appreciate the recognition of the year-round nature of producing certain agricultural commodities, such as mushrooms, which makes our farms ineligible for the current H-2A program.

Due to an inadequate workforce, mushroom farms across the nation are not operating at full capacity despite an increase in demand for mushrooms. This is having an adverse economic effect on the communities where farms are located and opening the door to increased imports.

We look forward to working with you as this important bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
American Mushroom Institute