

NATIONAL
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Re: Endorsement of S. 988/H.R. 1843

Dear Senator Mikulski and Representative Stupak:

I am writing on behalf of the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and our member resorts on the important issue of H-2B visas. NSAA is the trade association for ski area owners and operators nationwide. We have 326 member resorts, many of whom supplement their domestic work force with foreign workers. On behalf of the ski areas across the country, I wanted to thank you both for introducing bills that will allow us to continue to access the exemption for returning workers under the H-2B program. NSAA endorses S. 988 and H.R. 1843, and we have urged our members to voice their support of these bills to Congress as well. Without this extension and exemption, we will not get the number of foreign workers we need to keep our operations fully staffed, particularly during the important holiday season.

The ski industry appreciates your consideration and support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Berry', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Berry
President