

H2B ISSUE: Md. representatives urge “fair solution” on visas

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WASHINGTON — Maryland’s two senators and an Eastern congressman have urged two federal departments to accept applications for seasonal workers even though the limit has been reached.

Sens. Barbara Mikulski and Senator Benjamin Cardin and Rep. Congressman Frank Kratovil, have sent a letter to the Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security. They say DHS has announced the limit for petitions for H2B visas for the second half of the fiscal year has been reached.

The senators and congressman want a “fair solution” for those filed their applications for labor certifications on time.

Seasonal workers are needed for seafood processors, resorts and other businesses. Without the visas, the representatives say, employers who followed the rules may not get the workers they need this season.