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NCAE Briefing Bridges Gap Between Farm Realities and Capitol Hill in Agricultural Labor Briefing

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, June 2, 2026, the National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) successfully hosted a special educational webinar titled *“Fields, Farms, and the Hill: A Congressional Briefing on the State of Ag Labor.”* The interactive webinar, co-hosted by Representative Dan Newhouse (WA-04) and Representative Donald G. Davis (NC-01), aimed to arm congressional staffers, agricultural leaders, and stakeholders with vital insights into the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Visa Program.

Led by Tom Bortnyk, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of másLabor, and moderated by NCAE President and CEO John Hollay, the session provided a deep dive into the practical administration of the program. A key focus of the discussion highlighted the common, real-world issues and complex casework challenges currently experienced by farmers and ranchers across the nation who rely on the H-2A program to sustain their operations.

“Effective policy does not evolve in a vacuum,” said John Hollay, NCAE’s President and CEO. “This briefing was a vital opportunity to connect Washington decision-makers and staffers with the actual terrain of American agriculture. By opening this direct line of communication with congressional offices, we are ensuring that future legislative and oversight efforts are grounded in the real-world experiences of agricultural employers.”

In addition to addressing day-to-day farm workforce realities, the briefing tackled the shifting regulatory landscape, including the Department of Labor’s Interim Final Rule and how congressional offices can best handle constituent inquiries.

Access the Webinar Recording

For those who were unable to attend the live event, a recording of the presentation is now available for Congressional staffers, agricultural policy advisors, NCAE membership, and the general public.

- **Watch the Recap:** You can view the full webinar recording on YouTube by filling out a brief form here: ncaeonline.org/resources/webinars/.
- **Additional Resources:** For more updates and information regarding agricultural labor advocacy, visit the NCAE website at ncaeonline.org.

About NCAE

Founded in 1964, NCAE is the only national association focusing exclusively on agricultural labor issues from the agricultural employer's viewpoint.