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Hon. Tammy Baldwin United States Senate I Russell Courtyard Washington, DC 20510

RE: Immigration

Dear Senator Baldwin:

The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce would like to join the US Chamber of Commerce and many other business organizations in supporting comprehensive immigration reform, especially the enactment of an effective guest worker program.

Our current system is not serving the interest of business, our economy, or our society in general. Border security, responsiveness to the labor needs of the economy, and creating a final resolution for the status of millions of undocumented workers must all be addressed.

As employers, we need work visa programs that respond to the real needs of the workforce marketplace, providing the seasonal, high skilled, agriculture and other workers as we need them to grow. In addition, recent improvements in the E-Verify national employee verification system mean that it is ready to serve as the safe harbor for good faith efforts by employers. However, employers should not be under obligation to re-verify their entire current labor force or submit to state and local laws that conflict with comprehensive national immigration reform.

We look forward to national debate on the Senate immigration bill expected to be unveiled this month. We respectfully urge your support for the needs of business as you consider your vote.

Sincerely,

Laurie Radke

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President