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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Guest Worker Program

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With regard to your letter concerning my proposed Guest Worker Program, I appreciate hearing from you.

I believe that the new program allowing temporary guest labor in Arizona would establish a legitimate process to address illegal immigration concerns and also solve the current labor shortage being experienced by many industries because they are not able to apply for foreign labor assistance through existing H-2 visa programs. Clearly, the federal government is responsible for border enforcement and prevention of illegal immigration and must do a better job in Arizona and across the Southwest.

As the second fastest growing state in the nation, Arizona does not have the workforce to sustain its growth. According to the Arizona Department of Economic Security, the 3% unemployment rate in Maricopa County is considered just about full employment, meaning that almost everyone who wants to work and is capable of working has a job. According to the Arizona Department of Commerce, the overall unemployment rate in Arizona is currently at 4.1%. Numerous businesses in Arizona and across the nation are short-staffed, and many jobs in the agriculture, tourism, and service industries are going unfilled. Easing temporary labor crunches through a guest labor program would allow Arizona, and the rest of the United States, to continue to compete and prosper in a global marketplace.

Furthermore, the Guest Worker Program would address the reality that Mexican nationals will continue to enter the United States to work, regardless of how effectively our borders are enforced, as long as there are jobs available.

Again, I thank you for voicing your concerns to my office. I value the opinions of Arizona's constituents.

Sincerely,
JANE DEE HULL
Governor

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Name: [REDACTED]
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Comment: Information on "Guest Worker Proposal"

I am doing a research paper for one of my classes at the U of A. I am interested in finding out more about the Guest Worker Program. All I find is peoples opinion on the topic. I need the facts. Is there a detailed proposal I might find on a web site? Any help would be appreciated.