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Rep. Joe Knollenberg
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Dear Representative Knollenberg:

H-2B workers steal the seasonal jobs that many teenagers and students come to rely on to pay for their educations. I am outraged that this Congress is even considering increasing H-2B numbers.

If Americans wish to employ a landscaping firm to take care of their property, that is their right. The landscaping firm, however, should not have the right to hire inexpensive foreign H-2B labor when there are millions upon millions of undereducated and unemployed Americans who would be willing to do the work for a fair living wage.

A recent study by the Center for Immigration Studies has shown that immigrant-worker households are far more likely to require federal subsidies than those of American citizens. By allowing more and more H-2B workers into the country, we not only force more and more Americans onto welfare, we also subsidize the scandalously-low wages of the H-2B workers. This doesn't sound like a very cost-efficient situation.

Please ignore the pitiful bays of the landscaping lobby. It is far more important that you listen to the millions of Americans who want to work.

Sorely disappointed,

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