

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2
OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO

In division B, amend section 815 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 815. REPORT ON H-2A TEMPORARY VISA PROGRAM.

2 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than two years
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
4 troller General of the United States shall submit a report
5 to certain Congressional committees on the H-2A pro-
6 gram, including—

7 (1) an analysis of the impact the program has
8 on hiring, including the impact on domestic workers
9 and guest workers and whether there is an increas-
10 ing reliance on the program by American employers;

11 (2) identification of any challenges in securing
12 adequate, affordable housing for guest workers;

13 (3) implications of wage rate requirements
14 under the program on an American employer's abil-
15 ity to recruit domestic workers in comparison to
16 guest workers;

17 (4) an analysis of the economic impact of lost
18 wages from a spouse and unmarried children of a
19 guest worker; and

1 (5) examining compliance with working condi-
2 tion guarantees outlined in a guest worker’s contract
3 made pursuant to the H–2A program.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) AMERICAN EMPLOYER.—The term “Amer-
6 ican employer” means an individual, company, or or-
7 ganization that hires another individual and pays
8 such individual a salary or wage, in the United
9 States.

10 (2) CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
11 The term “certain Congressional committees” means
12 the—

13 (A) Committee on Education and the
14 Workforce of the House of Representatives;

15 (B) Committee on Agriculture of the
16 House of Representatives;

17 (C) Committee on Health, Education,
18 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

19 (D) Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
20 and Forestry of the Senate.

21 (3) DOMESTIC WORKER.—The term “domestic
22 worker” means a United States citizen who is em-
23 ployed in the United States.

24 (4) GUEST WORKER.—The term “guest work-
25 er” means a worker who is a nonimmigrant de-

1 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immi-
2 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

4 (5) H-2A PROGRAM.—The term “H-2A pro-
5 gram” means the admission of nonimmigrants de-
6 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immi-
7 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

