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GUILLEN SUPPORTS TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM

Ag Commissioner Miller Calls For Boost To Program

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) echoed the call of Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller earlier this week for the federal government to increase the number of temporary worker permits in Texas as he is in full support of agriculture and small businesses as they are a huge part of the Texas economy.

"The South Texas agricultural economy is dependent on this program," said Guillen. "With this program, we bring many good jobs to the district and grow our agricultural economy which is the heart of the economy in South Texas."

Representative Guillen has been a long time advocate for Texas agriculture workers. Guillen recognizes the crucial role of these small businesses and how they play into strong economies and the livelihood of South Texas. If the program is not implemented then there could be a severe financial impact to our way of life. Last season, due to a delay in issuing visas for the temporary worker program, many agriculture and small businesses were left with a shortage of workers. This season, Rep. Guillen is hoping for the full implementation of the temporary worker program.

Guillen continues to show his support in favor of Texas' hard workers and continues to implement legislation in their favor. Guillen's efforts to promote job growth in South Texas have been successful. Since 2003, District 31's unemployment rate has decreased from 9.6% to 6.3%, average yearly wages have gone up, and over 6,000 new businesses have opened. In the last year, Texas has added 285,200 new jobs, giving thousands of Texans the opportunity for employment. In the last few years, Guillen has also cut the state business tax, expanded financial assistance to rural small businesses, established an economic development and job training fund, cut burdensome regulations and red tape, increased funding for economic development, and created the Emerging Technology Fund to help ensure that Texas is able to attract high-tech jobs to the state.

"Agriculture is crucial not only to our economy, but also to our way of life, so we must continue to fight for the small businesses and agricultural businesses," added Guillen.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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