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### **Ag Workforce Coalition issues statement on Chairman Goodlatte's AG Act of 2017**

Washington, D.C. (October 2, 2017)—The Agriculture Workforce Coalition (AWC) supports Chairman Goodlatte's AG Act as part of our ongoing effort to work with him in achieving a solution that ensures a secure, legal workforce in agriculture today and in the future. We call on all members of the Judiciary Committee to support and vote the AG Act out of Committee. We appreciate the Chairman's invitation to continue the dialogue and look forward to working together beyond the committee process to further address agriculture's labor crisis.

We commend Chairman Goodlatte for the improvements made thus far to secure a balance between the need for a legal workforce in agriculture today and in the future, with the necessity of dealing with illegal immigration. As the process unfolds, we look forward to working with both Republicans and Democrats on this legislation, which will lead to enactment of a solution that ensures agriculture producers have access to a legal and stable workforce.

#### **About the Agriculture Workforce Coalition**

The AWC brings together organizations representing the diverse needs of agricultural employers across the country. The coalition serves as the unified voice of agriculture in the effort to ensure that America's farmers, ranchers and growers have access to a stable and secure workforce now and in the future.

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