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CHAMBER STATEMENT ON EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDING VISAS

SAN DIEGO (June 23, 2020) – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce released the following statement from President and CEO Jerry Sanders regarding the executive order suspending numerous work visas:

“This is the wrong time to be adding restrictions to business operations when they are struggling to recover from the pandemic.

“These visas impact San Diego’s top industries including trade, tourism, and biotech. Our economy depends on visa programs which support business growth, research, and investment. In fact, multiple studies have shown that employing foreign workers whose abilities and talents complement those of native-born workers actually creates new employment opportunities for American workers. For example, each H-1B visa leads to the creation of 1.83 jobs.

“We urge the Administration to reverse this action and support the growth and development of our nation’s businesses.”

About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is working to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

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