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Brian Pasternak
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Re: Comment to "Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Aliens in the United States: Proposed Delay of Effective Date," 86 Fed. Reg. 7656 (February 1, 2021) [DOL Docket No. ETA-2020-0006]

Worldwide Employee Relocation Council (Worldwide ERC®) strongly supports the delay until May 14 proposed in the Department of Labor ("DOL" or "the Department") Request for Comments, "Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Aliens in the United States: Proposed Delay of Effective Date," 86 Fed. Reg. 7656 (February 1, 2021) [DOL Docket No. ETA-2020-0006]. Worldwide ERC® represents the people and businesses that facilitate the relocation and movement of talent. Our over 5,400 professionals include both corporations and service providers across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Approximately 80 percent of our members are small- to medium-size businesses and our members come from a diverse range of professions and industries, including human resources, recruiting, military, real estate, financial services, moving, counseling, and consulting. We are where work is going.

On November 9, 2020, we submitted a [comment letter](#) to the interim final rule ("the rule"), "Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Aliens in the United States," in which we disagreed with several of the underlying principles justifying the need for changes outlined in the rule as well as the lack of opportunity for stakeholder input before the rule was finalized.

Worldwide ERC® believes that the Department can protect the U.S. workforce while at the same time facilitating access to foreign talent. The rule as written now would hurt the ability of U.S. employers to remain globally competitive and threaten a key component of U.S. economic performance. Postponing implementation of the rule would allow for proper stakeholder input and in the meantime maintain the status quo for employers as the rule is presently enjoined.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by email at rpeters@worldwideerc.org or phone at 703-842-3400.

Requestfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Peters", written in a cursive style.

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