

Seat The Table

From Farm To Work: Work Permits For Immigrants Keep Food on the Table

Thank you for being one of the many partners coming together for the Seat the Table campaign, led by the American Business Immigration Coalition Action, James Beard Foundation, Texas Restaurant Association, Latino Restaurant Association, and more.

Below you will find two example messages [with short versions (for X) and long versions (for other social media platforms)] you can use to share about the campaign. [Here are graphics you can download to use alongside the messages.](#)

Please be sure to use the hashtags #workpermits and #foodaffordability and tag as many of the other partners as possible.

- Option 1: [Social media text posts with graphics](#)
- Option 2: [Short script for a video](#) (video performs especially well on Instagram and Tiktok, if you or your organization use those platforms)
- [Full list of partners \(and their X & Instagram handles\)](#)

Social media graphic posts

Post 1: [Post with graphic available here](#)



**From Farm to Fork:
Work Permits For Immigrants
Keep Food on the Table**

Without immigrant workers and entrepreneurs, restaurants close and communities suffer.

When restaurants close, everyone loses their jobs.

Support restaurants, support your community. Tell Congress to create work permits for the hard working immigrants who make the meals you love possible.



A campaign from Seat The Table | [SeatTheTable.org](#)

Short version

Immigrants fill critical workforce gaps. #SeatTheTable by @ABICaction, @beardfoundation, @TXRestaurants, @latinoresassoc is calling on Congress to create work permits for the hard working immigrants who make the meals we love possible.

Sign on: <https://seatthetable.org/sign-our-open-letter/>

#workpermits #foodaffordability

Long version

Food costs have increased 34% since the pandemic. Without work permits or similar reforms, food prices are expected to rise an additional 14.5% by 2028. These rising costs are exacerbated by labor shortages across the U.S. agriculture and foodservice industries.

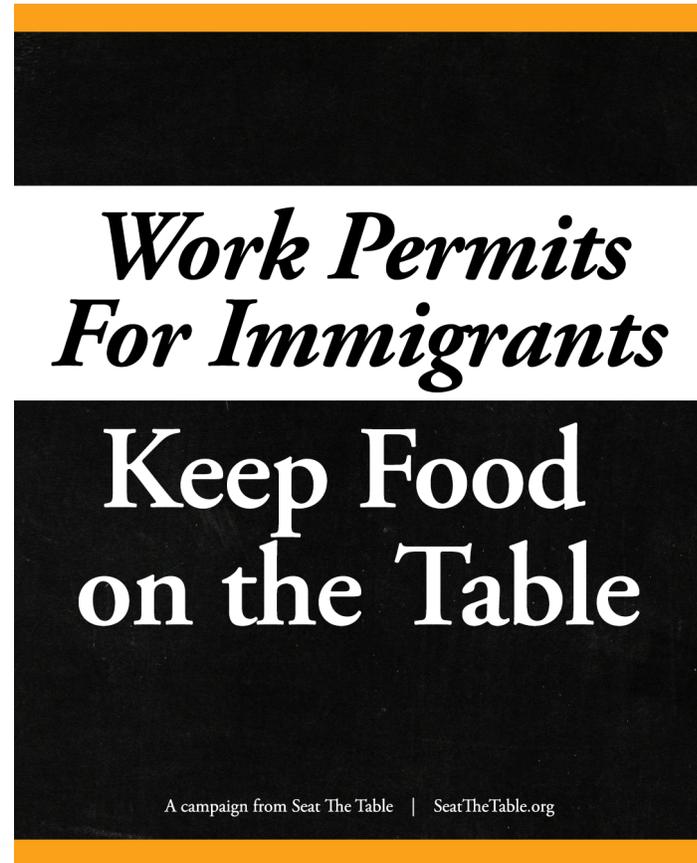
Immigrants fill critical workforce gaps, and workforce stability is essential to keeping food on the table for everyday Americans. This is why the Seat The Table campaign led by the American Business Immigration Coalition Action, James Beard Foundation, Texas Restaurant Association, Latino Restaurant Association, and more is calling on Congress to create work permits for the hardworking immigrants who make the meals we love possible.

To join the effort, sign onto our open letter. Every signature counts and sends a stronger message to our leaders that we need action now:

<https://seatthetable.org/sign-our-open-letter/> #SeatTheTable #workpermits
#foodaffordability

Post #2:

[Post with graphic available here](#)



Short version

The U.S. food supply chain is struggling with worker shortages. The solution? Work permits for hardworking immigrants.

[#SeatTheTable](#) by [@ABICaction](#), [@beardfoundation](#), [@TXRestaurants](#), [@latinoresassoc](#) is calling on Congress to implement a work permit program.

<https://seatthetable.org/sign-our-open-letter/>

[#workpermits](#) [#foodaffordability](#)

Long version

The entire food supply chain is struggling with worker shortages. As a result:

- Farms and ranches cannot find the reliable workforce they need
- Restaurants and other local businesses are reducing their hours
- Everyday Americans have fewer food options, and are paying more

The solution? Work permits for hardworking, law-abiding immigrants throughout the food pipeline—from farms and ranches to meat packing plants and distribution channels to restaurants—to ensure Americans can access affordable, high-quality food and local businesses can flourish.

The Seat The Table campaign led by the American Business Immigration Coalition Action, James Beard Foundation, Texas Restaurant Association, Latino Restaurant Association, and more is calling on the administration and Congress to implement a work permit program for long-term immigrants in food service and production. Join us: <https://seatthetable.org/sign-our-open-letter/> #SeatTheTable #workpermits and #foodaffordability

Video script

Food costs have gone up **34%** since the pandemic and they could rise another **14.5%** in the next few years.

A big part of the problem is worker shortages across our entire food supply chain.

[If you want to personalize you can add your own experience with staffing, or what you hear from employers]

Farms can't find workers.

Restaurants are having to cut hours.

Local businesses are struggling and sometimes shutting down.

And we're all paying more.

But there is a solution. Work permits for hardworking, law-abiding immigrants — from farm to fork — so food stays affordable and businesses can thrive.

The Seat The Table campaign is backed by the American Business Immigration Coalition Action, James Beard Foundation, and restaurant leaders nationwide. Together we are calling on Congress to act.

If you care about affordable food and a secure workforce, sign the open letter at “Seat The Table dot Org”

Full list of partners (and their X & Instagram handles)

American Business Immigration Coalition Action

- X: @ABICaction // IG: @ABICaction

James Beard Foundation

- X: @beardfoundation // IG: @beardfoundation

Texas Restaurant Association

- X: @TXRestaurants // IG: @txrestaurants

Latino Restaurant Association

- X: @latinorestassoc // IG: @latinorestaurantassociation

Independent Restaurant Coalition

- X: @IndpRestaurants // IG: @indprestaurants

Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association

- X: N/A // IG: @saltlake_restaurants

Eat Denver

- X: @EatDenverCO // IG: @eat_denver

Illinois Restaurant Association

- X: @IlliniRestAssoc // IG: @illinoisrestaurants

Nebraska Hospitality Association

- X: @NebraskaDining // IG: @nebraskahospitalityassociation

WineAmerica

- X: @wineamerica // IG: @wineamerica

United States Bartenders' Guild

- X: @theusbg // IG: @usbg

Napa Valley Wine Academy

- X: N/A // IG: @napavalleywineacademy

Movement to Restore for Restaurant Equity

- X: N/A // IG: @morecoalition

Roots of Change

- X: N/A // IG: @carootsofchange

Good Work Austin

- X: N/A // IG: @goodworkaustinorg

Mass Restaurants United

- X: @MARestosUnited // IG: @massrestaurantsunited

Oregon Winegrowers Association

- X: N/A // IG: @orwinegrowersassociation

California Farm Bureau

- X: @cafarmbureau // IG: @cafarmbureau

NYC Hospitality Alliance

- X: @theNYCalliance // IG: @theNYCalliance

National Young Farmers Coalition

- X: @YoungFarmers // IG: @youngfarmers

Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association

- X: N/A // IG: N/A