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After U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch answered back to an H2B visa denial lawsuit, indicating that Guam contractors may have been abusing their privilege, the Guam Contractors Association and 11 other companies have submitted their response to the opposition.

Guam - In the case document, the Guam Contractors Association and the other Plaintiffs stated that they are not requesting permission to employ unauthorized aliens, but rather to maintain the status quo of having the H-2B petitions consistently approved for peakload or one-time occurrence, and to find that the temporary need requirement has been satisfied.

The Plaintiffs add that the denials of H-2B petitions were "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise contrary to law." The 12 companies already received valid labor certifications from the Governor of Guam, indicating that there are no qualified U.S. workers to fill the positions.

Documents also state that approval of the petitions would protect U.S. workers by encouraging employers to "hire documented workers rather than undocumented workers in industries where undocumented labor is common." Additionally, they stated that the H-2B program registration fees would help fund additional training for U.S. workers to perform jobs required on Guam.

You can read the Plaintiff’s full response by clicking on the attachment below.