

JOINT STATEMENT BY
FRIENDS OF FARMWORKERS, INC.
and
THE BRICKMAN GROUP, LTD.

The parties to the lawsuit captioned Juan Javier Rivera and Jose Pablo Lemus, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated v. The Brickman Group, Ltd., Civil Action No. 2:05-CV-01518-LP, currently pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, have reached a proposed settlement of the lawsuit. The parties have submitted formal papers asking the Court to approve the settlement.

The lawsuit was filed by foreign individuals from Mexico and Guatemala who were admitted to the United States under the U.S. government's nonimmigrant H-2B visa program, and who worked for Brickman in the United States. The H-2B workers assert that the costs they incurred in traveling between their home countries and the United States was required to be paid by Brickman. Brickman strongly denies these allegations and believes that it complied with all applicable laws, and has properly and fairly paid all of its workers.

After considering the past and future costs associated with the lawsuit, the parties believe that it is in the best interests of all involved to reach a compromise that benefits both the H-2B workers and Brickman, and resolves all claims. Both Brickman and representatives of the H-2B workers believe that the settlement submitted to the Court today is fair and accomplishes these goals.

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