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FW: Request for meeting re. ICE deconfliction with labor dispute

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Subject: RE: Request for meeting re. ICE deconfliction with labor dispute

Dear Ms. Rosenbaum,

Thank you for speaking with me yesterday afternoon. As you will recall, I called in response to your inquiry about a labor dispute between H-2B guest workers and their employers that you indicate is under investigation by the Department of Labor. You indicated the dispute concerns threats by the employers against the guest workers, and specifically inquired about the possibility of ICE enforcement actions against the guest workers. As we discussed, ICE enforcement efforts in this regard are guided by the memorandum "Prosecutorial Discretion: Certain Victims, Witnesses, and Plaintiffs", dated June 17, 2011 ("PD Memorandum") and the "Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of Homeland Security and Labor Concerning Enforcement Activities at Worksites", dated December 7, 2011 ("MOU"). As I indicated during our conversation, ICE does not undertake enforcement efforts that are inconsistent with the PD Memorandum or the MOU, or designed to frustrate the enforcement of labor and employment laws. I trust this allays any concerns on the part of your clients that they may come under ICE scrutiny as a result of the pending labor dispute. As an aside, work-site enforcement efforts are generally handled by Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI"), not the Office of Enforcement and Removal ("ERO"), and you are probably best served by directing future inquiries of this nature to HSI.

Again, it was a pleasure speaking with you.

Regards,

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