

August 23, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
U.S. House of Representatives
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schrader:

AmericanHort, the National Christmas Tree Association, and most of our state advocacy and grassroots partners join in endorsing and supporting your H.R. 5813, the Overtime Reform and Enhancement Act. Our organizations represent the vast majority of the horticulture industry from coast to coast and border to border.

We are pleased to join in endorsing your legislation that would bring measurable relief and balance toward addressing the many significant practical concerns that small businesses and our associations themselves have with the scope and implementation challenges of the Labor Department's overtime rule. These challenges are particularly acute for seasonal businesses, which are the rule in our industry. While the legislative path forward will undoubtedly be challenging, we appreciate the pragmatic approach you and cosponsors are taking toward achieving a degree of balance as our members and organizations struggle with this rule.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

AmericanHort
National Christmas Tree Association
Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association
Arizona Nursery Association
California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers
Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association
Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association

Georgia Green Industry Association
Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Illinois Green Industry Association
Illinois Sign Association
Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association
Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association
Maine Landscape and Nursery Association
Maine Arborist Association
Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association
Massachusetts Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association
Montana Nursery & Landscape Association
North Carolina Nursery & Landscape Association
North Dakota Nursery and Greenhouse Association
Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association
Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association
South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association
Texas Nursery & Landscape Association
Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association
Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association
West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association
Wisconsin Association of Textile Services
Wisconsin Fabricare Institute
Wisconsin Green Industry Federation
Wisconsin Nursery and Landscape Association

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