In California, 11 businesses reported a total loss of $13,980,000, averaging $1,270,909 per business.
- PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IMPACT -

Lack of J-1 Visa Exchange Visitors hamstrings U.S. public diplomacy goals by taking away a key positive U.S. experience from tomorrow’s international leaders, and preventing them from engaging with their American host communities.

Host employers across America agree or strongly agree that Summer Work Travel and Camp Counselor participants:

- 95% Enable U.S. based staff to gain a better understanding of other cultures
- 97% Contribute to a positive culture in the workplace
- 92% Make the community more sensitive to other cultures

“Increased hours for current employees caused excessive overtime and staff burnout.”
- Hotel in Tahoe Vista, CA

“Owner and wife working 90 hour weeks for 4 months with no days off. Staff is working 55 hours per week. Forced to cut hours of operation. Forced to reduce the variety of products. Everyone is burned out.”
- Candy Store in Rehoboth Beach, DE

“Participants enrich our resort year after year with a combination of enthusiasm and culture. They introduce our chefs to international cuisine, which in turn is shared with our guests and staff.”
- Ski Resort in Park City, UT

“Exchange participants provide fantastic cultural exposure to the local community and also support the local economy by renting accommodations, purchasing goods and gifts for their families.“
- Restaurant in Dennis, MA

“We create life-long relationships with participants and their families, which drives business and visitation to the U.S., as well as gives a face to America when they are making decisions back in their own countries in the future.”
- Ski Resort in Homewood, CA