In Ohio, 5 businesses reported a total loss of $1,010,000, averaging $202,000 per business.
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:

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

“International staff bring a wonderful positive component to the workplace and make it a very interesting environment for all of us. Our American staff keep in touch and even travel during the winter months to the countries where our international staff call home.”

- **Restaurant in Put-in-Bay, OH**

"Being over 50% short on staff in our kitchen/prep areas, our seasonal operation took a hard hit with customer service."

- **Restaurant in Senecaville, OH**

“We had to close one day per week throughout the season in each of our departments. This was something that we have never done in any of our businesses prior to this 2021 season. All due to staffing shortages.”

- **Restaurant in Put-in-Bay, OH**

“Without having enough staff our service scores were severely impacted. This caused many guest complaints and adjustments to guest accounts. As a result, the hotel lost revenue and potential revenue due to a loss of repeat business.”

- **Hotel in Sandusky, OH**

“The J-1 Visa BridgeUSA program has brought international staff to our workplace who are interacting with our American staff. Friendships are formed, understanding of different cultures is enhanced and overall we have found that our international staff have a positive impact on our workplace and our community.”

- **Restaurant in Put-in-Bay, OH**

“We operated at 50% of the staff we typically have.“

- **Restaurant in Lakeside Marblehead, OH**