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It's About Innovation

Fact of the Week

Widespread Support for EB Green Card and H-1B Visa Reform Continues to Build

Did you know ...

Editorial pages across the country continue to acknowledge the need to fix our EB green card and H-1B visa programs this year so that America remains competitive.

- “It is imperative that U.S. companies be able to attract the brightest minds in the world. But this year's annual cap of 65,000 temporary visas was gobbled up in two days. A good place to start, as we've noted before, would be to double the number of H-1B visas.” – ***San Jose Mercury News***, September 20, 2007
- “Every year, ... 1 million skilled workers must compete for 120,000 green cards. They might have had little choice in the past, but many of these workers now have attractive alternatives. Some are already giving up on the United States, taking their talents back to their newly dynamic home economies, such as India and China. ... We want these workers. They strengthen us. As more employers and local leaders warn about the consequences of losing them, Congress needs to change the quotas now freezing them out.” – ***Houston Chronicle***, September 16, 2007
- “... [T]he scarcity of certain high-tech skills will further encourage businesses to outsource that work overseas. After this spring's bruising battle, Congress is unlikely to want to tackle immigration reform quickly, but it must. The problems aren't going away and, in fact, will become increasingly intractable with further delay.” – ***Dallas Morning News***, September 3, 2007

Congress must act now to modernize the EB green card and H-1B visa systems to meet our nation's workforce demands in the 21st century.

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