

Retaining America's Intellectual Capital



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Highly-Educated Foreign Nationals Improve the U.S. Economy By

- Greatly increasing technology innovation, measured by number of patents, according to research by the World Bank
- For each H-1B request, technology companies in the U.S. employ five additional people, thus creating jobs that complement the skill sets of U.S. workers
- Global talent helps American companies retain leadership in high-technology sectors

Limitations on Foreign STEM Workers in the U.S. Lead To

- U.S. companies moving operations to other countries in order to meet high-skilled labor demands
- The H-1B visa cap being reached every year since 2004, while the cap on Green Cards has led to decade long waiting times for skilled immigrants
- Turning down advanced degree and H1-B visas that generate technology and economic growth; in 2008, the USCIS received more than 163,000 applications for the available 85,000 H-1B visas in five days, including 31,200 applications for only 20,000 advanced-degree visas

Cosponsor and support the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act

(H.R. 3012 and S. 1983)

Cosponsor and support the STAPLE Act

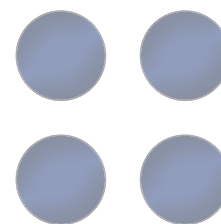
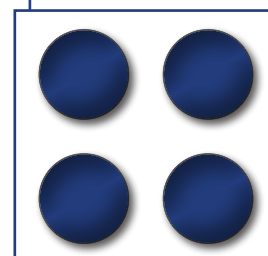
(H.R. 399)

Help the United States retain one of its most important resources

In 2009,

4 out of 8

American Nobel Prizes went to naturalized citizens.



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Links and Resources

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H.R. 399; the STAPLE Act introduced in 2011

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