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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chairwoman
House Subcommittee on Immigration
102 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Steve King
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Immigration
1609 Longworth Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lofgren & Ranking Member King,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and millions of working taxpayers, **I urge you to support H.R. 5882, "To recapture employment-based immigrant visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family- and employment-based immigrant visas in the future."**

This provision, which passed the House Subcommittee on Immigration 8-1, is scheduled for full mark up this Wednesday, September 10, 2008. H.R. 5882 will recapture un-used green cards back to 1992, and reallocates them to reduce current green card backlog. It also allows any unused green cards to be rolled over to the following year.

Further, I am asking you to strongly consider removing the cap on employment-based visas to allow our economy to reach maximum performance. Free market demand, not arbitrary government caps, is the best arbitrator of the number of skilled foreign workers that the American economy needs for continued growth.

The ongoing backlog in visa applications, that necessitates this bill, is the result of the USCIS's inability to process the great volume of employment-based visa application. This backlog demonstrates that the market demand for skilled foreign workers is far greater than the current caps. Therefore, it is imperative that Congress act to recapture unused employment-based visas and that future legislation considers lifting or exponentially raising this cap.

Therefore, I am urging you to support H.R. 5882 as well as any legislation that will result in a direct or indirect increase of participant caps.

Onward,

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