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It's About Innovation: Fact of the Week



Employment-based Green Cards – Vital to American Innovation

Did you know ...

U.S. employers depend on employment-based (EB) green cards to keep highly educated professionals already employed in the workforce here in America so that they can continue innovating for the U.S. economy.

But backlogs in the system mean that many of these valuable professionals are left waiting five to 10 years for an EB green card. That can put an employer's plans on hold and the life of employees in limbo because of limits on promotions, job changes, and even the ability to travel. And their spouses, often well educated, are not able to work either.

Many employees become frustrated and return to their home countries to compete against us, using their experience working at a U.S. company and in many cases a graduate degree from a U.S. university.

The EB green card system doesn't work for America.

It's time for Congress to reform the EB green card system to reflect the needs of U.S. employers and the 21st century workforce.

To learn more about highly educated immigration, visit www.competeamerica.org.

Compete America (www.competeamerica.org) is a coalition of corporations, educators, research institutions and trade associations concerned about legal, employment-based immigration and committed to ensuring that the United States has the highly educated workforce necessary to ensure continued innovation, job creation and leadership in a worldwide economy.