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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 call for a fix to the EB green card and H-1B visa programs.

- “Economic protectionists oppose lifting the visa cap to meet demand. But it makes little sense for our universities to be educating these talented foreign students, only to send them packing after graduation. Current policies have MIT and Stanford educating the next generation of innovators -- and then deporting them to create wealth elsewhere.”  
– ***The Wall Street Journal***, November 30, 2007
- “The government should do all it can to pull the cork out of the H-1B bottleneck... Instead of making the process more burdensome, this country should do what it can to increase the number of bright and highly skilled people in the work force.” -- ***The Oklahoman***, November 27, 2007
- “Last month, the EU introduced a new "blue card," which acts as a temporary work visa for educated professionals. The message it sends is clear. While the U.S. dollar is shrinking in value and American leaders clearly don't want foreigners on their shores, the European Union is laying a giant welcome mat for people who can help its surging economies.”  
-- ***Deseret Morning News*** (Salt Lake City), November 17, 2007
- “The United States long has benefited from foreigners coming here to better themselves. If we're on the receiving end of a “brain drain,” ...why shouldn't we streamline the process of accommodating the newcomers?”  
– ***The News & Observer*** (Raleigh, NC), November 14, 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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