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It's About Innovation:

Fact of the Week

U.S. GREEN CARD
THE HIGHLY EDUCATED WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT

- **Demand Exceeds Supply:** U.S. employers do not have enough Green Cards to keep highly educated, foreign-born talent innovating here in America.
- **Outdated:** Annual Green Card allocations for highly educated professionals have been the same since 1990 -- before many innovative high-tech and biotech companies even existed.
- **Broken Process:** Tens of thousands of highly educated professionals are forced to wait 5-10 years for a Green Card.

**SIA and IEEE-USA Agree:
The EB Green Card System Must be Reformed This Year**

Did you know ...

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) and IEEE-USA, which represents electrical and electronics engineers, recently partnered to support three bills that would make necessary, incremental reforms to the EB green card system (H.R. 6039, H.R. 5882 and H.R. 5921).

In a letter of support sent to Rep. Zoe Lofgren, SIA and IEEE-USA stated:

“If enacted, these three simple changes will enhance U.S. technological competitiveness and enable highly educated immigrants to contribute to job creation in the U.S. The IEEE-USA and SIA stand ready to assist your efforts to pass this important legislation.”

If SIA and IEEE-USA can agree, Congress should too.

Congress Must Enact Reforms This Year and Make the EB Green Card System Work for America!

For a copy of the letter, click here. 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.