

Fix the Employment-based Green Card System in 2007

Permanent Resident "Green Card"

- Processing backlogs for employment-based (EB) green cards force thousands of highly sought-after professionals to remain in limbo for years (5-7 yrs on average). They are stuck in a broken system.
- Reform is urgently needed to enable U.S. employers to hire and retain the talent necessary to remain globally competitive.
- The U.S. economy has changed dramatically in 17 years, yet EB green card quotas have not been adjusted since 1990.
- EB green card holders are sponsored by employers to work in the United States and must pass stringent labor market tests to be eligible for admission.

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Highly Educated Foreign-Born Professionals Boost American Innovation

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- America has always prospered by welcoming the best and the brightest from around the world. Highly educated foreign-born professionals are one of America's greatest competitive advantages.
- In 2005, foreign-born students earned 43% of master's degrees and 61% of U.S. Ph.D.s in science & technology. We should encourage these innovators to stay.
- Data show that highly educated foreign-born professionals create new jobs for American citizens, particularly in innovative industries that pay higher wages.
- Our economic competitors understand this. Increasingly, they are opening their doors to foreign-born innovators.

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