Texas A&M University
Graduate and Professional Student Council
General Assembly
2017-2018 Session

A Resolution in Favor of Increasing the Number of Temporary Employment (H-1B) Visas

Presented by Fernando Lavalle and Brenna Lin on March 6, 2018

Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.

Whereas: The H-1B program allows companies in the U.S. to temporarily employ foreign workers in occupations that require highly specialized knowledge. [1]

Whereas: The H-1B visa has an annual numerical limit "cap" of 65,000 visas each fiscal year. The first 20,000 petitions filed on behalf of beneficiaries with a U.S. master’s degree or higher are exempt from the cap. [2]

And Whereas: More than 350,000 [3] student visas were issued for 2017, which means more than 80% of international students that obtain higher degrees from U.S. universities will not be able to stay in the U.S. and work after graduation.

Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council at Texas A&M University is in favor of increasing the amount of H1-B visas given to foreign individuals with U.S. master’s degree or higher that are exempt from the cap.

Let it be Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

Further
Sen. John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
Sen. Ted Cruz
U.S. Senate
Rep. Jodey Arrington
U.S. Representative
Rep. Brian Babin
U.S. Representative
Rep. Joe Barton
[1] H-1B Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Cap Season, USCIS. (Available Online)


https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2017AnnualReport/FY17AnnualReport-TableXVIIB.pdf
Dean of Student Life of Texas A&M University
Bobby Brooks
Student Body President
Jasmine Wang
Speaker for the Student Senate
Fernando Lavelle
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Action Taken: passed

Certified By: [Signature]
Christian Nygren
Executive Vice President

Date: 4/3/2018

Duly Approved By: [Signature]
Matthew Etchells
President

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workers-and-fashion-models
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