

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

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U.S. Senate

Sen. Ted Cruz

U.S. Senate

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Rep. Sam Johnson
U.S. Representative
Rep. Kenny Marchant
U.S. Representative
Rep. Michael McCaul

[1] H-1B Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Cap Season, USCIS. (Available Online)
<https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/h-1b-specialty-occupations-and-fashion-models/h-1b-fiscal-year-fy-2018-cap-season>

[2] H-1B Specialty Occupations, DOD Cooperative Research and Development Project Workers, and Fashion Models. (Available Online)
<https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/h-1b-specialty-occupations-dod-cooperative-research-and-development-project-workers-and-fashion-models>

[3] Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification, The Visa Bulletin (Available Online)
<https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2017AnnualReport/FY17AnnualReport-TableXVIB.pdf>

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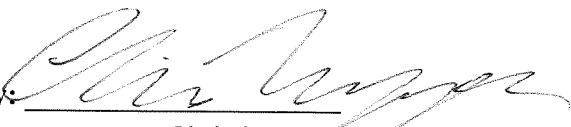
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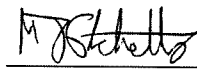
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Action Taken: passed

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Date: 4/3/2018

Duly Approved By: 
Matthew Etchells
President

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