



Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Conservative Union, I strongly urge you to support H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act when it is voted on later this week.

This bill would replace the current “Diversity Lottery” with a targeted program designed to meet our needs for highly skilled workers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Its guidelines are strict. Under this bill, immigrants eligible for a Green Card must have a doctorate from an eligible U.S. university or a Master’s degree in these fields once Green Cards for those doctorates have been allocated. The same cap of 55,000 that now applies to the Diversity Lottery would apply to program. Potential employers must petition for the eligible Green Card recipient and show that there are not sufficient American workers, able, willing and equally qualified for the job.

The happenstance lottery system now in place is not an effective tool to address our job needs. Our failed immigration system is long overdue for overhaul and this modest reform is one step in the process. The 55,000 cap is well under what is needed in these fields but this is a good start.

Please vote “YES” on H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act.

Sincerely

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