

22 May 2006

The Honorable Daniel Akaka  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Feinstein-Grassley H-1B Visa Amendment (S. Amdt. 4075)

Dear Senator:

We urge you to accept the proposed Feinstein-Grassley amendment (S. Amdt. 4075) to strike S 2611 provisions authorizing an automatic 20 percent upward adjustment in the H-1B admissions ceiling in any year in which the cap is reached.

IEEE-USA is a strong supporter of Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act provisions that will expedite the admission of talented foreign nationals to pursue advanced degrees in science, technology engineering and math (STEM) fields at US educational institutions and facilitate the timely adjustment of STEM professionals to legal permanent resident (Green Card) status.

Our members have very serious reservations, however, about the wisdom of including provisions in S.2611 that will significantly increase non-immigrant H-1B admissions without making any substantive reforms in this badly broken temporary guestworker program. A decade of critical assessments by Federal agencies, including the General Accountability Office, Inspectors General at the departments of Labor and Homeland Security and the White House Office of Management and Budget, unanimously agree that there are significant weaknesses in the program that must be corrected in order to ensure that US workers are not disadvantaged and H-1B workers are not exploited.

Sincerely,



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