

27 June 2007

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
309 Hart Senate Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
135 Hart Senate Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: H-1B and L-1 Visa Reforms**

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Grassley:

IEEE-USA applauds your continuing efforts to reform the H-1B and L-1 temporary work visa programs. IEEE-USA believes that the H-1B and L-1 temporary work visa programs need to be reformed to ensure that U.S. and foreign workers are treated fairly by requiring all participating employers to make good faith efforts to recruit U.S. workers, to use the program to augment, not replace, their American workforce and to pay H-1B workers fair market-based wages.

We support your efforts to correct weaknesses in the current prevailing wage rules, to extend these rules to cover L-1 workers, and to require that jobs be posted on a Labor Department website prior to granting of H-1B visas, so that American workers have a reasonable opportunity to apply. We believe that these reforms, which we understand will be contained in the McCaskill, Durbin, Grassley Amendment to the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Reform Act (S.1639), help balance the needs of workers and employers, allowing both to succeed in knowledge-based, technology-driven global markets.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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