

Text of AeA letter in support of the Cantwell Amendment

AeA (American Electronics Association), the nation's largest high-tech trade association, asks for Senator George Voinovich's support for Senator Cornyn's amendment to HR 2669, the Higher Education Reconciliation Act.

Make no mistake, there is a looming crisis in the US with the growing shortage of qualified high-tech workers. The Cornyn amendment will ensure that US companies will have access to the kinds of skilled employees who historically have contributed to American innovation and American job creation (e.g. Google, Intel, Yahoo, Sun, eBay – all co-founded by foreign nationals).

Senator Cornyn's amendment would "provide interim relief for shortages in employment-based visas for aliens with extraordinary ability and advanced degrees and for nurses."

Although this is a short term fix, this is an extremely important step in assuring that high-paying, high-skilled jobs are created in the United States.

Please vote yes for the point of order to allow this non-germane amendment to be added to HR 2669.

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