



# AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
Chairwoman  
House Subcommittee on Immigration  
102 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve King  
Ranking Member  
House Subcommittee on Immigration  
1432 Longworth Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Lofgren & Ranking Member King,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and millions of working taxpayers (including tax paying small business owners), **I urge you to support H.R. 1843, the "Save Our Small and Seasonal Business Act of 2007" which will renew the relief provision for H-2B visa program.**

This provision, initially passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support in the Senate, 94-6 in 2005, will exempt past H-2B visa program participants from counting toward the statutory cap. Further, I am asking you to strongly consider removing a cap on H-2B visa participants to allow our economy to reach maximum performance.

The current mandated annual cap of 66,000 H-2B visa program participants was established in 1990 – this does not meet the current demands of the US economy more than 18 years later. In 1990, US GDP was \$5.8 trillion according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis; in 2007, US GDP was \$13.8 trillion. This change in economic demand must not go unnoticed.

If immediate action by Congress is not forthcoming, the economic "catch-up" that will occur will negatively affect seasonal businesses that depend on workers who participate in the H-2B visa program.

Each year, this detrimentally small cap on workers has been reached sooner and sooner. It is imperative that previous H-2B participants not count toward this cap and that future legislation considers lifting or exponentially raising this cap.

Therefore, I am urging you to support H.R. 1843 as well as any legislation that will result in a direct or indirect increase of participant caps.

Onward,

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