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The Honorable J.D. Vance
Vice President
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
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The Honorable Keith E. Sonderling
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Vice President Vance, Secretary Rubio, Secretary Sonderling, and Secretary Mullin:

I write in support of executive branch efforts to investigate and address abuse of work-based nonimmigrant visa programs, particularly the H-1B program. I share your objective of ensuring that our legal immigration system serves American interests and rewards only those who abide by both the letter and spirit of the law. Georgia's 7th Congressional District (GA-07), which I represent and includes a large portion of the northern Atlanta metropolitan region, is a suspected hotspot of this fraud, and I respectfully request that your investigation and enforcement activities pursue alleged fraud in this area.

Established by the Immigration Act of 1990, the purpose of the H-1B program is to allow American businesses to temporarily bring in foreign citizens to fill key, high-skill employment positions when the domestic workforce demonstrably cannot provide the necessary labor. Entities seeking the use of H-1B labor must verify to the federal government that the candidates they need are not available among the domestic workforce, but these visas are temporary to prevent or at least minimize government interference in market forces that motivate the development of bespoke, skilled American labor.

Unfortunately, the H-1B program has become the subject of rampant fraud and abuse for the nefarious purposes of obtaining labor that bad actors can exploit below-market-rate wages and abusive work conditions given H-1B holders' dependence on retaining their employment in order to avoid removal back to their country of origin. On aggregate, this trend interferes in the labor market by undercutting wages and increasing job competition for American jobseekers, particularly recent college graduates. Bad actors have developed illicit methods for meeting the requirements for obtaining H-1B visas and the necessary work authorizations, and they employ these methods at scale to enrich themselves through fraud and exploitation via the most threadbare compliance with the letter of the law.

This phenomenon is plainly incongruent with the spirit of the law, and I suspect that it violates the letter of the law in many cases too. It further diminishes the American public's trust and confidence in our nation's immigration system and the rule of law while insulting those who faithfully abide by the letter and spirit of the law when immigrating to the United States. Failure to prosecute and stop this fraud and abuse will reduce the incentives that lead individuals to legally immigrate the right way and increase the incentive to take the fraudulent route.

Through stakeholder engagement, reports from my constituents, and recent federal investigation and enforcement activity targeting entities in and around GA-07, I am concerned that my constituents are exposed to a particularly high degree of impact from concentrated H-1B fraud and abuse. Metro Atlanta's recent economic growth and international airport unfortunately make it a logical area of concentration for these bad actors.

I respectfully request that the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Labor, Department of State, and all other federal agencies and departments with a role in addressing this immigration visa fraud and abuse focus considerable effort and resources towards allegations in and around GA-07. I stand ready to support the passage of legislation that may enhance your efforts and to serve as an interlocutor to help enable cooperation with state-level agencies and law enforcement.

I thank you and your executive branch colleagues for recognizing this rampant issue and taking on the task of investigating and enforcing federal immigration law. I am to available to support your efforts however I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. McCormick'.

Rich McCormick, MD, MBA
Member of Congress (GA-07)