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Title: Urgent action needed to stop a bill which destroys universities

Dear ...

I am (NAME), who holds a [or studying] (SPECIFIC DEGREE FROM NAMED UNIVERSITY). I do (SPECIFIC RESEARCH/TECH WORK) with colleagues who are from all over the world. I am writing to you about a horrible disaster for the US universities that just happened in the Senate. On Wednesday Dec 2, Senator Lee brought the devastating bill HR1044 to the Senate floor and passed it by unanimous consent without a single public hearing.

There are now about one million people in the high-skilled green card waiting line, and it is growing with employment-based applicants exceeding green card numbers every year. Even worse, H.R.1044 exacerbates the problem through zero-sum legislation. It will repeal the per-country cap of green cards for skilled new Americans as if that alone will solve the backlog. The Congressional Research Service proved earlier this year that the number of people waiting for green cards will double in a decade, while under H.R.1044, **the waiting time for immigrants from all over the world will become 17 years**, practically destroying the employment-based immigration system in the country.

A 17-year wait time will deter the brightest of the foreign students and scholars from coming to the US and much of the research labs in our university will experience a drop in recruitment and applicant quality. This is threatening the very function of the university and will set us back in competition.

To compound the matter, the current language of H.R.1044 also threatens the 360,000 Chinese students in the U.S. with deportation and denial of adjustment of status by a new amendment just added to the language of the bill which could be known as a new "Chinese Exclusion Act".

This is an existential threat to (UNIVERSITY NAME) and a crisis for America's competitive advantage.

We are in a very critical stage so (UNIVERSITY NAME) needs to act IMMEDIATELY.

In the next few days, the House and the Senate will review the language for final approval. **We ask you to immediately contact your DC representatives and convey your opposition to this bill.** We would love to meet/talk with you following up on this letter and discuss specific ways that (NAME THE SCHOOL) can help. However, please act promptly, because without expressing your concerns in the **next 10 days** the academic prospects of (NAME THE SCHOOL) will be severely jeopardized.

/Full Name/ (note: writing your full name within forward slashes acts as an easy electronic signature: e.g./John T. Smith/)

Full Name

Affiliation

A Sample Email

Email subject: Urgent: Bill HR1044 passed the Senate

Dear ...,

I am very surprised that on Wednesday Dec 2, bill HR1044 passed the senate with new amendments that will be devastating for higher education in the United States. Please find the details in my letter attached.

I hope that our university could act immediately to prevent this bill becoming law.

Sincerely,
Name

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آخرین تلاش برای جلوگیری از تصویب نهایی بیل
استراتژی: یادآوری خطر بیل برای موجودیت دانشگاه
ها

با توجه به اینکه نسخه‌ی تصویب شده هائوس با نسخه تصویب شده سنا متفاوت است، نسخه نهایی سنا به هائوس بازگردانده خواهد شد تا تغییرات نهایی اعمال شده در سنا در هائوس نیز تأیید شوند. چنانچه کوچکترین تغییری توسط هائوس اعمال شود، سنا موظف است تغییرات را به نحوی (به عنوان مثال از طریق یو سی) به موافقت اعضا برساند. در این مرحله، ممکن است بیل مورد نظر مورد مخالفت از سوی اعضای سنا قرار گیرد. مطابق با جلسه فوری آل اف اس با لابیست ارگانیزیشن، استراتژی کنونی ما استفاده از ظرفیت های موجود برای بالا بردن امکان اعمال تغییرات توسط هائوس است.

تغییراتی که می تواند مقدمه ادامه فعالیت های ما برای یافتن اعضای مخالف در سنا را فراهم نماید.

اصلی ترین و قوی ترین استدلال برای زیر سوال بردن متن فعلی بیل، استفاده از متممی است که افراد با تابعیت چین را که هرگونه فعالیتی در ارتش چین (اهم از سربازی و غیره) و یا هرگونه عضویت در حزب کمونیست چین را تجربه کرده باشند، از ورود به آمریکا و تغییر استتوس بصورت مادام العمر محروم میکند. این استراتژی از طریق آگاه کردن دوستان و دانشجویان چینی متأثر از این بیل قابل اجراست. این استراتژی حول محور ترغیب دانشگاه ها به فکر کردن جدی در مورد این بیل و عواقب از دست دادن قشر عظیمی از دانشجویان با تابعیت چین می چرخد. با توجه به پاس شدن بیل در سنا در حال حاضر تنها امید برای شکست دادن بیل تشویق دانشگاه ها برای فشار آوردن به سناتور ها برای جلوگیری از تصویب بیل است.

پیش زمینه:

- 1- تحلیل لابیست این است که در حال حاضر دانشگاه ها قدرتمندترین و تنها متحدی هستند که قابلیت تاثیرگذاری و اعمال تغییرات بر روی بیل تصویب شده سنا را در هائوس خواهند داشت.
- 2- دلیل مخالفت دانشگاه ها، محدود شدن مهاجرت یک ملیت و صدمه دیدن مدل بیزینسی حال حاضر دانشگاه ها است که بر مبنای جذب حداکثری دانشجویان مستعد خارجی پایه گذاری شده است. لذا به عنوان یک سازمان، خطر بزرگی بیزینس و آینده اقتصادی دانشگاه ها را تهدید میکند.
- 3- طرح مصوب فعلی در سنا پتانسیل این را دارد که پذیرش چینی ها به آمریکا برای تحصیل و کار و مهاجرت را مختل کند. با توجه به حضور ۰۰۰،۰۶۳ دانشجوی چینی در آمریکا، این قانون صدمه مستقیم و شدیدی به دانشگاه ها خواهد زد.
- ۴- دانشگاه ها همانند سایر سازمان ها به دنبال منافع خود هستند و امید است که با روشن شدن خطر این بیل، نماینده های هائوس و سنا هم بی تفاوت نمانند. این مسئله می تواند پتانسیل خوبی برای اعمال تغییرات در نسخه تصویب شده سنا باشد.

استراتژی ما:

- تماس با دوستان و دانشجویان چینی که در صورت مراجعه موقت به کشور خود و داشتن هر نوع سابقه عضویت در حزب کمونیست چین یا داشتن سابقه سربازی، از بازگشت به کشور آمریکا و یا هرگونه تغییر در

وضعیت اقامت در این کشور محروم خواهند شد. وظیفه ما در اولین گام، اطلاع رسانی کامل و درخواست از این قشر برای تحت فشار قرار دادن دانشگاه ها و آگاه نمودن آنها از طریق ایمیل، تماس تلفنی و مراجعه حضوری به دفاتر ذیربط در دانشگاه ها خواهد بود.

- اولویت دوم، تماس با پرزیدنت و دفاتر روابط دولتی در دانشگاه ها و همچنین تماس با سایر مسئولین دانشگاه ها می باشد. انتظار می رود به طور خلاصه آسیب های جدی این بیل علی الخصوص اختلال در راه های دسترسی به نیروهای خارجی و خطر اخراج کلیه دانشجویان چینی ذکر شده و در اولویت قرار گیرند.

- بر اساس شواهد، احتمالاً ۱۱ دسامبر آخرین روز کاری سنا در سال جاری خواهد بود، بنابراین تنها ۱۰ روز تا تصویب نهایی طرح سنا در مجلس نمایندگان فرصت هست و تنها بازه زمانی مناسب و موثر برای اعمال استراتژی فوق، ۱۰ روز آینده خواهد بود. در این زمان همه ما لازم است با دانشگاه ها تماس بگیریم و اعتراض کنیم.

- تماس مستقیم (تلفن/زوم کال) به طور قوی توصیه میشود. متأسفانه بازه زمانی کوتاه موجود، اثربخشی ایمیل های اعتراضی را در مقابل تماس های تلفنی کمتر خواهد کرد.

شایان ذکر است مانند هر سازمان دیگر، دانشگاه ها به عنوان سازمان های فعال در عرصه آموزش علاوه بر اهداف آموزشی منافع مالی خود را نیز دنبال میکنند و نمی توانند نسبت به آن بی اعتنا باشند. با توجه به خطر بزرگ این طرح برای موجودیت دانشگاه ها، امید است که مقامات سنا و هاوس نسبت به این ماجرا بی تفاوت نمانند. این مسئله می تواند پتانسیل خوبی را در جهت اعمال تغییرات در نسخه تصویب شده سنا فراهم نماید.

اقدام

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اقدام عملی این خواهد بود که در هر دانشگاهی، تمامی دانشجویان متأثر از این بیل با مسئولین تاثیرگذار دانشگاه تماس گرفته و مطالبات و نگرانیهای خود را به ایشان منتقل نمایند.

- اقدام اصلی: متوجه ساختن دوستان چینی از خطری که تهدیدشان میکند و تشویق نمودن آنها به تماس با دانشگاه و همراهی آنها.

- تماس شخصی اعضا: علاوه بر تشویق دوستان چینی، تمامی اعضا موظف به تماس با دفاتر موثر دانشگاه ها هستند.

- متن پیام تلفنی/ایمیلی: منطقی ذکر شده در آسیب های این بیل به دانشگاه ها در طی تماس تلفنی ذکر شود. نمونه موجود در این ایمیل با کمک لابیست تهیه شده است. دوستان می توانند علاوه بر متن توصیه شده از نوشتار شخصی موثر و تحلیل های قوی خود استفاده نمایند.

- مخاطب: انتخاب مسئول مناسب (رئیس دانشگاه، معاون، پرووست، رئیس اینترنشنال افیس، رئیس گرجویت افیس، ...) بستگی به دانشگاه و سازوکارهای اجرایی آن دارد و بنابراین این مهم بر عهده دانشجویان است که با دفاتر مناسب تماس بگیرند. هدف نهایی، رساندن پیام به ریاست دانشگاه و دفاتر روابط دولتی است. در هنگام ارسال ایمیل، نشانی پست الکترونیک افراد مهم و تصمیم گیر در دانشگاه را نیز کپی (cc) نمایید. (به عنوان مثال رئیس دیپارتمان/دانشکده، مدیر امور تحقیقاتی، مسئول دانشجویان خارجی و نشریات دانشگاه).

*** لطفا ایمیل سازمان outreach@supallofus.org در ایمیل های ارسالی کپی (cc) شود تا در آمار ایمیل های ارسالی ثبت گردد.

در صورت داشتن هرگونه سوال و پیشنهاد، لطفاً مطلب خود را از طریق ایمیل سازمان یا گروه تلگرامی اعضای آل آف آس مطرح نمایید. یادآوری می‌کنیم تنها ۱۰ روز تا جلوگیری از تصویب نهایی این بیل فرصت داریم.

Version 0 - For those replying back with more info or those following up Don't forget to CC outreach@supallofus.org

Thanks for your response **[OR following my previous email]**. Just wanted to provide some further info on the bill - mostly according to the Congressional Research Service (CRS) - see attached the full report. Following quotes are from this report. Hopefully this will clarify many misinformation advertised on this bill.

- Did per-country cap create the backlog? No!

"The employment-based immigrant backlog exists because the annual number of foreign workers whom U.S. employers hire and then sponsor to enter the employment-based immigration pipeline has regularly exceeded the annual statutory allocation of green cards." CRS report.

- Does this bill eliminate the backlog? No

"S. 386 would not reduce future backlogs compared to current law."

"The total backlog for all three categories would increase from an estimated 915,497 individuals currently to an estimated 2,195,795 individuals by FY2030." CRS report

"Since the number of new beneficiaries exceeds the number of green cards issued each year, the total backlog under both scenarios is projected to more than double..." CRS report

- What is the expected wait time in futures for **all** employment based green card applicants from all around the world?

"By FY2030, EB1, EB2, and EB3 petition holders could expect to wait 7, 37, and 11 years."

- Who will be affected by this:

1. **New International faculty members!** This poses risk to US universities to attract international faculty members and researchers as ALL new members will face these long wait times for green cards.
2. **Prospective International Students** - According to the statistics from the [Department of Labor](#) (see PERM data), the majority of the CURRENT recipients of the employment based green cards are US graduates. The flow of NEW

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international students to the US will likely drop significantly if they do not have a clear future employment.

- Will only certain countries be affected by this bill? No!

*"in FY2030, the wait time [for Indian nationals] would be 37 years [in EB2 category], the same as for **all other foreign nationals.**"*

- **Does Long green card waiting time affect US universities ability to attract students? Yes!**

*"In the face of the substantial wait times for LPR status, however, growing numbers of such workers are **reportedly migrating to countries other than the United States for education, employment, or both.**"* CRS report.

- Who opposes this bill? Most immigration organizations! See the comprehensive list here: <https://www.supallofus.org/oppositions-to-s386-hr1044/>

While reading the full report, please note that the "Hold Harmless provision" is removed from the latest version which led to the [oppositio](#) n of American Immigration Lawyers Association.

"AILA cannot support legislation that places additional burdens on those who are already waiting in the immigrant visa backlog and that would extend the risk of children aging out and keeping families in limbo for longer." [AILA](#)

The bottom line is, while I understand the problem and the need for a comprehensive immigration reform, I strongly believe that this bill would do more harm than good, especially to US higher Institutions. Let's be straight here,

- Does our university want to be neutral on a bill that limits them from attracting future faculty members from ANYWHERE in the world due to significant waiting times?
- Does our university want to be neutral on a bill that jeopardizes its ability to attract graduate students from ALL over the world? (As I mentioned, the majority of those currently receiving EB green cards are US graduates- the pattern is clear.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON BILL

I have heard many universities believe there is not enough time to reconcile the differences between the Senate and House version - I am told that the chances are HIGH that a version of this bill will be attached to a **must-pass COVID bill** . Unfortunately this is a surprising tradition in Congress to bypass everything. This bill was passed with **NO Public Hearings** , and now they are going to bypass the reconciliation and next voting.

Again, I reiterate that removing the country cap without adding the number of green cards does not address the fundamental problem, and creates more problems. So respectfully I urge you and our university to act quickly on this matter.

The stakes for our university and higher education in the US are high and swift action is essential **to stop this bill from becoming law** .

Please let me know when we can meet to discuss this bill further in the next few days.

Regards

[Your name and title]

PROPAGANDA (Don't Email)

Version 1 - For those just following up

Don't forget to CC outreach@supallofus.org

I am reaching out to you to follow up on my previous email regarding the HR1044/S386 bill. I would like to emphasize that the China Exclusion amendment in the current version of the bill passed in the Senate (S386) is not the only issue in this bill.

There are many other issues that would directly affect the educational and economic value of the universities in the US. US universities are reputable all over the world because of the outstanding and brightest faculties that are attracted from anywhere around the world, Asia, Europe, Africa, and many more.

Eliminating the per-county cap on the employment-based green cards would only allow the IT workers, who are mostly from one nation, to enter the US market throughout the course of 17 years! The IT industry will be able to access low-cost labor, whereas, the most educated professionals and academic people from different countries would not be able to become New Americans and serve universities. This will reduce the demand for joining our school, cause some employees to leave for other countries, and overall hurt the US reputation of outstanding universities. The universities in Canada, Europe, Australia and Asia will gain more demand. This will devalue our university by all means. According to CRS, by 2030 the waiting time for a green card for anyone including academics will be increased to 38 years. Imagine years of losing the most knowledgeable professionals from all over the world who would have migrated to the US. I am really saddened by the fact that no one appreciates what is happening right now. I, as an opposer, ask you to stand up with us and save the universities and the academic environment from this existential threat.

Version 2 - For those replying back with more info

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Dear [full name and title of contact from university reply]

Thank you for your response. I appreciate you taking the time and effort to address my concerns with the devastating, unfair, and short-sighted H.R. 1044 bill.

I request to meet with you and other relevant officials from the university's office of government relations [optional: as well as representatives of All of US - a non-profit organization for high-skilled immigrants opposing this bill]

Please note that there is a high chance that proponents of this bill will amend it to the upcoming must-pass bills, such as the COVID-19 relief bill or the 2021 appropriations bill. The common assumption that the bill will not pass in the current congress, hence not affecting [name of university] and its interests, can be short-sighted and devastating.

Next, I would like to emphasize that the “China Exclusion” amendment in the current version of the bill, which was passed in the Senate (S386) on Wednesday 12/2, is **NOT** the only issue in this bill. There are many other issues that would directly affect the educational and economic prospects of the universities in the US. US universities are reputable because of the outstanding faculties and researchers that are attracted from all over the world, Asia, Europe, Africa Australia and so on. Eliminating the per-country cap would only allow the high tech workers, who are mostly from one nation, to enter the US job market for the foreseeable future. These high tech workers barely hold a graduate level degree and would not be a fit for professorship or mentorship or even teaching in the US universities. These High Tech workers who are mainly **Non-US graduates** would take over the whole number of employment based Green Cards! This will make many qualified prospective faculty candidates from different nationalities reconsider their choice in choosing the US as their next home, due to the uncertainties associated with the extremely long wait time to obtain permanent residency. Therefore, the demand to join the academic programs in the US will be suppressed . Even the graduates from the US universities would suffer from the falling value of the education in the US and the universities in Canada, Europe and Asia will gain more demand. If HR1044/S386 passes according to CRS, the waiting time for a green card for anyone including academics will be increased **to 37 years**. Imagine years of erosion of the most knowledgeable professionals from different countries in the US. I am aware of the fact that you are monitoring this bill but let me tell you that this bill was passed in house in less than 20 minutes without any public hearing last year and it was also passed in the Senate again **without any public hearing** through unanimous consent **in less than a minute**.

Unfortunately, this is a very probable scenario for this bill to be attached to the Covid relief bill which means both chambers of the congress don't necessarily need to reconcile the existing differences between the two versions of the bill. In this very probable scenario the bill can be passed through Covid Relief bill without a single public hearing.

Therefore, we only have **just a few days** to show how controversial this bill is to the house reps.

Again, I urge you to act quickly and reach out to the house representatives and let them know your concerns about this bill and its effects on US universities before it's too late! **[Include charts and attachments if required]**

The stakes for our university and higher education in the US is high and agile action is essential to stop this bill from becoming law. Please let me know when we can meet to discuss this bill further in the next few days.

Best regards,
[Your name and title]