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Honorable Charles Grassley
United States Senate
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Re: USCIS May 24, 2017 Correspondence in Response to Your March 27, 2017
Correspondence

Your Honorable Senator Grassley,

Please accept this correspondence as a message from the people of the United States and, more specifically, the thousands upon thousands of American workers fired because of the H1B and similar visa programs.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services answered your questions regarding the companies discussed in the 60 Minutes piece “You’re Fired”. Specifically, in Answer to Question 1, USCIS stated it has investigated misuse of H1B in Disney, Eversource Utilities, University of California San Francisco and the firms contracted by those companies. USCIS asserted it will continue to look into the companies and will refer its findings to ICE if any violations are substantiated (note: no violations were substantiated as of date of the letter). The remainder of the answers to your questions include oversight of possible abuse of the visa.

What USCIS is saying to you Senator, and what I believe you likely already know, is that it is the USE of the H1B visa and similar visas that are the problem. The abuse of the visa system is of course an issue which should be addressed but why abuse the system when you can use the system legally and still obtain the same results? American workers are being fired, not getting jobs, graduating with degrees but not finding jobs, and salaries are consistently low. Moreover, foreigners are being exploited and our private data and national security is in the hands of those outside the United States. This is accomplished with the legal use of the visa system as it is currently written.

The American people demand a complete overhaul of the visa system and offshoring business model that benefits only the top shareholders of big businesses. Senator Grassley you have been abreast of this issue and a pioneer for us all. Please let Congress know that you have the nation behind you and we refuse to accept the system as it is. The fact that USCIS has not cited any

H1B abuse by the companies mentioned on the 60 Minute piece should alarm you and all of Congress because that means what is happening is legal under current law. That, Senator, is not acceptable and must be changed.

Thank you for standing up against the visa program.

Sincerely,

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