

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the appropriate place in title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . ADMISSION OF ESSENTIAL SCIENTISTS AND**  
2 **OTHER EXPERTS TO ENHANCE THE TECHNO-**  
3 **LOGICAL SUPERIORITY OF THE UNITED**  
4 **STATES.**

5 (a) **SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS.**—Section  
6 101(a)(27) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
7 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (L), by adding a semicolon  
9 at the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (M), by striking the period  
11 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13 paragraph:

14 “(N) an immigrant (and the immigrant’s  
15 spouse and children if accompanying or fol-  
16 lowing to join the immigrant) who—

17 “(i) has been recommended for a spe-  
18 cial immigrant visa, or, if in the United  
19 States, special immigrant status, by the

1 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of En-  
2 ergy, or the head of any other United  
3 States national security agency designated  
4 for purposes of this subparagraph by the  
5 Secretary of Homeland Security, with the  
6 concurrence of the Secretary of State,  
7 based on a finding that the individual—

8 “(I) is participating or has par-  
9 ticipated in research funded by the  
10 recommending agency;

11 “(II) is or was an employee or  
12 contracted employee with the recom-  
13 mending agency; or

14 “(III) as determined by the rec-  
15 ommending agency—

16 “(aa) earned a master’s,  
17 doctoral, or professional degree  
18 from an accredited United States  
19 institution of higher education  
20 (as defined in section 101(a) of  
21 the Higher Education Act of  
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), or  
23 completed a graduate fellowship  
24 or graduate medical education at  
25 an accredited United States insti-

1                   tution of higher education, that  
2                   entailed research in a field of im-  
3                   portance to national security;

4                   “ (bb) is an employee with,  
5                   or has a documented job offer  
6                   from, a company that develops  
7                   new technologies or cutting-edge  
8                   research that contributes to the  
9                   national security of the United  
10                  States;

11                  “ (cc) is a founder or co-  
12                  founder of a United States-based  
13                  company that develops new tech-  
14                  nologies or cutting-edge research  
15                  that contributes to the national  
16                  security of the United States; or

17                  “ (dd) has extensive expertise  
18                  and scientific knowledge of cru-  
19                  cial national security importance  
20                  that would advance national se-  
21                  curity; and

22                  “ (ii) based on a recommendation de-  
23                  scribed in clause (i), the Secretary of  
24                  Homeland Security or the Secretary of  
25                  State, as applicable, finds that the indi-

1           vidual possesses scientific or technical ex-  
2           pertise that will contribute to the national  
3           security of the United States and approves  
4           such status.”.

5           (b) EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITS.—Section  
6 201(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
7 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following new subparagraph:

9                   “(F) Special immigrants (and the spouses  
10                   and children of such immigrants) who are de-  
11                   scribed in section 101(a)(27)(N), until the  
12                   number of principal immigrants (excluding their  
13                   spouses and children) under section  
14                   101(a)(27)(N)(i) during a fiscal year reaches  
15                   200.”.

16           (c) ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS FOR SCREENING.—  
17 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary  
18 of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, the Di-  
19 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the  
20 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall screen each alien  
21 applying for admission under this section for risk of for-  
22 eign influence, espionage, or unauthorized transfer of sen-  
23 sitive technology to foreign adversaries and engaged in for-

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