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To:

Chair Zoe Lofgren

House Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship

Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Tom McClintock

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**Subject: Appealing your support for Legal Immigrants and their families**

Dear Chair Lofgren &amp; Ranking Member McClintock,

We write on behalf of the Federation of Malayalee Associations of America (FOMAA) the Indian diaspora community organization that represents 700000 + people across the country. FOMAA is the federal umbrella organization possessing affiliation from 75 member organizations based in major Cities in the USA. L.i.F.e (Legal Immigrants Federation) is the legitimate immigration advocacy initiative of FOMAA favoring the welfare of our highly skilled immigrants of our nation. Our community strength comprises of professionals immigrated to USA on employer based sponsorships in the academic disciplines of Doctors, Educators, Nurses, Lawyers, Engineers, Pharmacists and IT professionals.

The burning backlog disparity injustice occurring to the legitimate and licit immigrants is not just an Indian diaspora issue, but is adversely impacting the families from large population Nations specifically in Employment Based visa categories with approved Green Card status. The very perspective being approved in previous congress with historic bipartisan majority (HR.1044/S.386) amplifies the relevance and criticality of the subject. Prayerfully hope the Nation to which we gave and spent our youthful years and resources will do the needful in retaining the talents and skills, rather than losing them to competing nations. We would like to emphasize on specifics concerns that our community is currently going through, due to the alarming wait time of Green Card processing.

- **Primary Applicant** - Inability to take any promotions in career, change jobs or start their own business, despite doing all possible correctly towards the American economy are imperiled and indentured with systemic injustice.
- **Children** - They are otherwise called "Documented Dreamers" legally accompanied H1B parents into America, at 21 years are helplessly ageing-out because of parents backlogged GC application; imperiled with self-deportation at prime-youth, education discontinued etc.
- **Spouses** - Long processing time for H4 EAD currently is putting their business at risk and forced unemployment for those in jobs or inability to apply for new jobs.
- **Investment** - Can't achieve American dream of buying house or other investments.
- **Travel** - Visa 'stamping' requirements restrict families to travel to their home country even during emergency situations, funerals etc.

We appeal your good offices to recognize these desperate concerns and provide an immediate solution and pathway for Legal Immigrants and their families. Again, on behalf of FOMAA L.i.F.e, we appeal your goodwill enabling affirmative impacts in the lives of our community who took the correct, legitimate, and documented measures immigrating to The United States of America.

Sincere regards,

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