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Dear Senators Hatch, Klobuchar, Rubio, Coons, Flake, and Blumenthal:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting and defending America's free enterprise system, thanks you for introducing the "Immigration Innovation Act of 2015." This legislation would directly address the needs of the business community to create and retain jobs in the United States for Americans by giving businesses the ability to fill some positions with highly skilled foreign talent in those circumstances where sufficient numbers of qualified U.S. workers are not available.

The Chamber strongly supports the Immigration Innovation Act because it tackles several critical issues that must be addressed as part of immigration reform. Perhaps most importantly, the bill would provide more H-1B and green card numbers for high skilled professionals—but it also undertakes to resolve a number of related questions. For example, the legislation would deal with existing backlogs for employment-based immigrants, ensure that foreign professionals have worker mobility, and establish for the first time that the H-1B visa cap increases and decreases be determined by market-based factors.

This legislation would transform the high skilled immigration system in our country, and the Chamber thanks you for working together on a bipartisan basis to address these vital issues.

The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with you on these issues, and other important aspects of immigration reform, as this legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,



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