

H-1B PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH ON THE CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION'S REFUSAL TO RAISE THE H1-B IMMIGRANT VISA CAP

“America has the best industries in the world. And that means we need the best workers in the world. By failing to support legislation to increase the number of highly-skilled, highly-trained immigrants, the Clinton-Gore administration is standing in the way of continued economic growth.

“I urge the administration to unequivocally support bipartisan efforts in Congress to raise the number of highly-skilled, highly-trained immigrants who can enter the country each year. By increasing the number of these H1-B Visas, we can increase the chances that our economy will continue to grow.

“Still, H1-B visas are a short term solution to a long term problem. As America's need for highly-trained specialists continues to grow, the solution will be better education. I have laid out an agenda based on the types of education reforms we passed in Texas, placing a renewed emphasis on science and technology training.

“I urge the Clinton-Gore administration to put the public's interests ahead of union bosses and special interests who oppose legal immigration. Let's raise our sights. And let's raise the number of H1-B Visas.”