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The Honorable Diane Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1531 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Black,

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) would like to extend to you our sincere thanks for your commitment to true immigration reform by introducing legislation to reform the U nonimmigrant visa program.

The U nonimmigrant visa program was designed to allow aliens who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse to obtain temporary legal status as a nonimmigrant if they help law enforcement prosecute those crimes. However, despite being classified as a nonimmigrant visa, the program is actually an amnesty for virtually anyone who applies. In reality, the U visa fails to distinguish between those in the country lawfully and unlawfully, allowing illegal aliens to remain in the U.S. for a renewable period of four years, receive work authorization, and then apply for permanent legal residency after only three years.

To help solve these problems, your proposal limits chain migration, ensures the U visa is only given to actual crime victims, and makes the U visa a true nonimmigrant visa. These critical fixes represent significant steps toward responsible immigration reform.

Again, on behalf of FAIR, I thank you for your efforts to advance sound immigration policy and enact true immigration reform.

Sincerely,

Dan Stein, President
FAIR

FAIR is a nonprofit public interest organization working to end illegal immigration and to set levels of legal immigration that are consistent with the national interest.

