



February 1, 2013

The Honorable Diane Black
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Black:

I am writing to express NumbersUSA's support for the bill you are introducing to reform the U visa system.

NumbersUSA is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization whose sole focus is to stop illegal immigration and reduce legal immigration back towards traditional levels that will serve the national interest. We have more than a million activist members across the United States whose viewpoints span the political spectrum.

Like you, we recognize the need for a temporary visa so that alien victims of crime may remain in the United States to assist in the prosecution of the criminals who victimized them. We agree that the U nonimmigrant visa must remain true to its purpose—ensuring that predators are prosecuted. Certainly, there is good reason to allow the nuclear family—the spouse and minor children—of a crime victim to remain here with the victim during the emotional and difficult process of putting the perpetrator behind bars. However, there is no justification for extending the same benefit to extended relatives.

We also support repeal of Section 245(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Granting U visa holders a special path to permanent residence goes well beyond the purpose of the visa. Moreover, adjustment to permanent residence increases chain migration to the United States and creates incentives for fraud in the U visa process.

You have demonstrated repeatedly your commitment to preventing fraud in our immigration system and to protecting Americans from adverse consequences of that system. We are pleased to support your efforts to apply your high standards to the U visa process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Beck".

Roy Beck
Founder and President