

To apply for this visa, you need to have a U.S.-based employer sponsor, or family members who are U.S. citizens

My family, like most of those reading this article, would be locked out today.

From 1900 to 1910, America absorbed about 10.4 immigrants for every 1,000 residents. Today, legal immigration is just 3.1 immigrants for every 1,000 residents.

In my role as the leader of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion -- and as a hockey coach -- I look at the Detroit Red Wings as an example of immigration making us stronger.

Fans cheer for Datsyuk (Russia), Draper (Canada), Filppula (Finland) and Nicklas Lidstrom (Sweden). In fact, only 6 members of last year's roster are listed as coming from the U.S. I hear few complaints about these players "taking American jobs."

Instead of posturing for voters by calling for roundups of "illegal" immigrants who are simply seeking the same opportunities their own families sought when arriving before today's quotas were installed,

Michigan's political leaders should stand up for a rational immigration policy.

As the Red Wings show, diversity makes us stronger.

Let's embrace immigration and move forward, not revert to the political pandering of our history.

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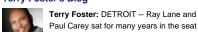
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