



## **In New Report, FWD.us Examines Harmful Economic Consequences of Attacks to Legal Immigration**

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FWD.us today released a new report, titled “The Case for Protecting Legal Immigration Against Recent Attacks,” which examines substantial regulatory and policy actions taken by the current Administration to dramatically restrict the number of people able to legally enter the United States, and to make it difficult for individuals already here to stay and continue contributing. While Congress has temporarily blocked legislation that would radically cut legal immigration levels, the Administration has continued to make substantial regulatory and policy changes to restrict legal immigration.

The harmful effects of these regulatory changes are already forcing significant impacts on communities across the country. Among the regulatory changes discussed in the new report include the delayed implementation of the International Entrepreneur Rule (IER), elimination of work authorization for H-4 visa holders, increasing restrictions on Optional Practical Training and elimination of the DACA program and certain categories of Temporary Protected Status.

“Immigration has always been a source of civic and economic strength for our country, helping to keep our workforce flexible, fuel growth across American business and increase the productivity of American workers,” said FWD.us President Todd Schulte. “These legislative efforts to substantially restrict legal immigration would fundamentally change the nature of who we are as a nation, and who we should be as a people.”

Eliminating avenues for individuals who want to create American jobs and grow the economy to immigrate to the United States would devastate economic growth, causing as much as a two percent drop in GDP by 2040, and by making 4.6 million fewer jobs available. Moreover, the policies deny American families the opportunity to reunite with their loved ones. The report further outlines why the Administration must reverse its attempts to use the regulatory and policy process to make it harder for international talent to contribute to the United States. Specifically, this would mean keeping the OPT program, the H-4 Rule, the International Entrepreneur Rule, and other existing policies in place.

To coincide with the release of the report, FWD.us is holding a press call - together with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Cato Institute - at 11:00 AM ET today to discuss the need to protect legal immigration. The join the press call, please dial into: 1-888-272-8703.