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Bipartisan Immigration Bill Recaptures Unused Visas H.R. 5882 To Be Marked Up on Wednesday

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Washington, DC—This week, the House Judiciary Committee will mark-up H.R. 5882--a bipartisan bill which will allow for the critical recapturing of visas that have gone unused in past years due to bureaucratic delays and instead permit the visas be issued to family-based or employment-based legal immigrants. The bill is co-sponsored by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and James Sensenbrenner (R-WI). This week, the House Judiciary Committee will mark-up H.R. 5882--a bipartisan bill which will allow for the critical recapturing of visas that have gone unused in past years due to bureaucratic delays and instead permit the visas be issued to family-based or employment-based legal immigrants.

The fact is that H.R. 5882:

- Helps American families and employers who would otherwise wait longer than necessary to bring in close family members and needed workers.
- Maintains strict eligibility standards for new immigrants entering the US.
- Honors Congressional intent by ensuring the number of visas Congress allocated are actually awarded to qualified immigrants.

Fact Sheet from the Immigration Policy Center:

["Recapture of Unused Immigrant Visas: An Idea Whose Time Has Come"](#) (Washington, DC: September 2008).

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