



April 25, 2013

The Honorable Lamar Smith  
2409 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith,

NumbersUSA, a grassroots organization of more than 1.5 million U.S. citizens, enthusiastically endorses the Legal Workforce Act of 2013 as the most cost effective and efficient way to put hundreds of thousands of unemployed Americans back to work over the next year—and millions over the next few years.

In light of the proven reliability of the E-Verify system, we particularly applaud the requirement in your bill that all businesses in the nation use the system for new hires within two years.

We also are pleased that the Legal Workforce Act ends the big weakness of the E-Verify system that allows illegal workers who have stolen legitimate identities to get through the system and obtain a job. Your bill is an "E-Verify PLUS" bill that handles that weakness with an essential multiple-workplace notification system that results in the removal of existing illegal workers who are using stolen identities.

It is especially because of the "PLUS" part of this bill that we assess it to be a powerful tool to reduce unemployment in this country. We hope to see the Social Security "no-match" program added to the bill during the debate on the bill.

The Legal Workforce Act also respects that states and localities have a role in helping enforce immigration laws, especially when confronted with federal administrations that are not aggressive in enforcement. We are pleased that the bill allows states and localities to use a variety of enforcement tools, including the Federal employment-authorization enforcement system and the revocation of business licenses.

The Legal Workforce Act is just the bill that America's workers need and deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Beck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roy Beck  
President, NumbersUSA