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Dear Senator Moran:

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Supporters of the Moran/Warner bill want to use the green card system of admitting and retaining foreign-born talent to help build the American economy. We strongly agree that this is the right way to approach STEM and entrepreneur immigration. The Startup Act will not only protect American workers from unfair competition, but also remove unnecessary obstacles to these highly skilled immigrants promptly become Americans themselves. Accelerating green cards is particularly important because, as this bill recognizes, immigrants in general are self-selected strivers who are more likely to start successful businesses than the American population as a whole. This is something they can only do with green cards, employment or family, regardless of how they get them.

Moving this legislation, as well as other proposals in this area, is going to require substantial work, and our continued support will depend on the details being revised to assure that they are workable for immigrants and their employers.

Sincerely,

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