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The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) sent a petition to Congress that was signed by 900 companies. They are demanding that Congress increase the number of H-1B visas and to speed up approvals of employment based green cards (EB).

AILA seems to be asking for the Skil Bill but they don't mention it by name. That's odd considering they are lawyers. Either their strategy is to keep the name of the bill secret, which doesn't make sense since it is being sent to Congress, or perhaps something else is brewing on Capitol Hill. Could there be another deal going on besides the Skil Bill?

I was forwarded a copy of the petition from a board member of FAIR, who received it from a source in Congress. That confirms AILA is actively circulating this to Congress critters.

To read it and to see the petitioners, go here:

<http://www.aila.org/Content/default.aspx?docid=21052>

A very noticeable thing about the letter is that most of the companies are not the ones you would normally associate with H-1B. There is no IBM, Microsoft, Sun Microsystems, Motorola, Intel, etc. There are plenty of small to mid-size companies in high tech, medical, contracting, insurance, and just about everything else you can think of. Apparently these smaller companies are AILA's "grass roots" supporters. That's a repulsive thought!

Random checks to see if these companies have Labor Condition Applications for H-1B visas was positive most of the time. That means they are currently using H-1Bs or want to hire some, and just can't get enough of them.

AILA is up to other shenanigans as well. They are asking the public to send members of the lame duck Congress a message to provide what they call EB and H-1B relief. In other words, AILA wants to help employers to relieve us of our jobs by importing more cheap labor.

[AILA allows people to change the text of the message, so if you want to have some fun, and mess with their heads a little, go to this page, and send your anti-support message.](#)

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