



**Friday, September 06, 2002**

**TO: All CWA Local 4250 Members and Retirees**

**SUBJECT: Resolution to Abolish the H-1B Visa Program**

Delegates attending the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Illinois AFL-CIO voted unanimously to adopt my resolution to Abolish the H-1B Visa Program on Friday, September 06, 2002. The Illinois State AFL-CIO is officially on record as the FIRST State AFL-CIO body to adopt such a resolution. Delegates of the 64th Annual CWA Convention adopted a similar resolution in June 2002. Therefore, the CWA has the distinction of being the FIRST International Union to adopt a resolution to Abolish the H-1B Visa Program. Our work has just begun, as YOU the member and retiree must immediately write your U.S. Senator and Congressperson telling them to Abolish the H-1B Visa Program.

The membership of CWA Local 4250 should be proud of their Local Officers, Executive Board Members and CWA Representative Teri Pluta, assigned to our Illinois CWA Office in Itasca, Illinois. Teri is a member of CWA Local 4202 in Lombard, Illinois and serves as a Vice-President on the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board. Teri was instrumental in getting me assigned to serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee of the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Illinois AFL-CIO.

Again, a special thanks to all whom assisted me in this unprecedented action. It would never have happened without their help.

**Fight Back:**

**Steve Tisza, President  
CWA Local 4250 – Chicago**



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**Resolution 35<sup>th</sup> Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention**  
**September 5-6, 2002 – Oakbrook, Illinois**

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**RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE H-1B VISA PROGRAM**

- Whereas: the Illinois AFL-CIO recognizes the combination of new technologies and resultant competitive Global marketplace bring both new opportunities and new vulnerabilities to our Nation's critical communications/information infrastructure; and***
- Whereas: the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001 have revealed serious flaws in our Homeland Security and Sovereignty of our borders; and***
- Whereas: the Congress of the United States has enacted the H-1B Visa Program and Immigration Act of 1990; and***
- Whereas: American and foreign global corporations are circumventing the intent of Congress by using loopholes in the H-1B Visa Program to replace tens of thousands of American workers with foreign national and offshore workers; and***
- Whereas: the global transition to new technologies have provided foreign national and offshore workers occasion to perform work on United States of America military, financial services, utilities, transportation and emergency services that could feasibly jeopardize our national and economic security; and***
- Whereas: the Illinois AFL-CIO recognizes the security and safety of the United States of America takes precedence over all special interest groups.***
- Resolved: the Illinois AFL-CIO condemns the abuses of the H-1B Visa Program.***
- Resolved: the Illinois AFL-CIO shall adopt a leadership role in the AFL-CIO and American labor movement to seek sponsors to introduce legislation to repeal the H-1B Visa Program and oppose increases to yearly H-1B Visa statutory caps.***
- Resolved: the Illinois AFL-CIO shall educate the membership, the AFL-CIO and the American public about these issues.***
- Resolved: the Illinois AFL-CIO shall forward this resolution to the AFL-CIO for adoption.***