

Since Bill Gates III's pattern is to avoid publicity to attempt to sneak another H-1B visa increase through, I hope that you will publicize this. Here's what I emailed the Senate HELP Committee

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Committee: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Title: Strengthening American Competitiveness for the 21st Century
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.
Place: SH-216

Dear Senators Kennedy and Enzi:

I understand that billionaire William Gates, III has been invited to appear before the Senate HELP Committee on Wednesday, March 7.

In the interest of a balanced treatment of this important topic, experienced American citizen programmers should also be given the opportunity to provide in-person testimony at this hearing.

Here is a posting from this author at the Programmer's Guild blog site, <http://programmersguild.blogspot.com/> which documents some of the serious problems with Bill Gates, III claims.

A Bloated Government Subsidy Program

The late free - market advocate and Nobel Economics laureate Milton Friedman labelled the H-1B visa program a "Government Subsidy" in a 2002 article.

<http://www.computerworld.com/careertopics/careers/labor/story/0,10801,72848,00.html>

Here is a tabulation by this author using INS and BCIS statistics from FY1985 to FY2002 that shows how bloated this government subsidy program has become.

<http://www.jobdestruction.com/ShameH1B/Library/BrainSavers/VisaGlut.PDF>

The Abramoff Visa is an accurate label for this visa program, which has served to significantly boost the profits of the Microsoft Corporation since the H-1B visa was created in 1990. Microsoft Corporation employed criminal lawyer Jack Abramoff and about ten members of "Team Abramoff" to procure beneficial changes to H-1B visa legislation in 1996, 1998, and 2000.

Former U.S. Representatives (and Majority Whip) Tom DeLay (R-TX) Dick Armey (R-TX) (Majority Leader) and current U.S. Representative Chris Cannon (R-UT), with former U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI) have been some of the beneficiaries of the "Microsoft Millions" that have been used to procure this destructive legislation. This author advocates using RICO statutes, with no time limits, to break up this criminal enterprise.

I anticipate confirmation that one or more American citizen programmers have been invited to testify. I'm available, as I'm unemployed.

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