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“U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has never wavered in its strong support of President Trump’s Buy American and Hire American [Executive Order](#) and the Presidential Proclamations of April 22 and June 22. USCIS administers the nation’s legal immigration system in a way that protects and promotes the American worker.

Let me be clear, there are few, if any, additional initial employment authorizations being granted and no automatic approval for residency. Statements to the contrary are both untrue and contrary to current federal law.

The number of immigrant visas available is mandated by [statute](#), not policy, each fiscal year for each immigrant visa category. That annual level is a ceiling, not a target.

This administration has undertaken an aggressive rulemaking and policy agenda, strengthened legal immigration, taken measures to prevent the abuse of visa programs, reduced the volume of foreign labor in the United States, and done more than any administration in modern American history to support the American worker. These efforts continue unabated in support of President Trump’s goal of an immigration system that supports the interests of Americans before all others.”

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