International Students are Vital to Our National Strength and International Competitiveness

1. $41 billion to the U.S. economy
2. Half a million U.S. jobs
3. 1 in 5 unicorn startups

What Congress Can Do to Help Attract International Talents

1. Support an amendment to S. 386 / H.R. 1044, the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019 that would prioritize applicants who have earned advanced degrees in the US:
   a. Annually reserve half of all EB-2 visas for applicants who have
      i. Earned advanced degrees from the United States and
      ii. Have spent at least 5 years in the country.
2. Support and co-sponsor S.1744 - Keep STEM Talent Act of 2019
3. Oppose attempts to challenge the Optional Practical Training (OPT) and support efforts to expand this program.
4. Investigate the increasing F-1 student visa and OPT processing delays.
5. Investigate the proposed 'Establishing a Maximum Period of Authorized Stay for Students, Exchange Visitors, and Media Representatives' and elimination of 'duration of status'.

Source:
1. https://www.nafsa.org/policy-and-advocacy/policy-resources/nafsa-international-student-economic-value-tool-v2#main-content