

Senator Rand Paul's "No New Pathway to Citizenship" Amendment

Senator Rand Paul's "No New Pathway to Citizenship" Amendment removes the new and exclusive visa category and pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. The amendment expands existing work visa categories instead of creating a new Registered Provisional Immigrant status. This updated work visa will not give any individual a new pathway to citizenship; rather they will be treated as if they are in line in their home country. No preference will be given to those on a work visa over individuals who are in line and outside the borders of the United States.

- **Expanded Existing Guest Worker Visa** – This amendment will replace the Registered Provisional Immigrant status granted in underlying bill with expanded existing guest worker programs available to anyone.
- **No Caps** – There will be no caps on the numbers of individuals in these guest worker programs.
- **No Prevailing Wage Restrictions** – This amendment will remove prevailing wage mandates that make existing guest worker programs unworkable and ineffective. The current lack of viable guest worker programs is the key reason workers come here illegally and employers hire them.
- **Employers will Certify Need** - Provides workers to employers that can certify a need for workers.
- **No New Pathway to Citizenship** - This amendment will allow workers legally participating in the program to file paperwork to adjust status from non-immigrant to immigrant, but will not give these individuals any special preference with regard to permanent resident status or citizenship. The amendment will allow those with work visas to also apply for immigrant visas simultaneously without having to leave country. They will use the existing lines in their home country to permanent resident status then citizenship if they qualify under existing law.
- **Refugees**
 - Provides a cap on the numbers of refugees.
 - Places a time limit on refugee eligibility for federal welfare benefits to provide a motivation for refugees to move into workforce.
 - Removes barriers for refugees to be able to work.