

## **Recapture of Unused Immigrant Visas: An Idea Whose Time Has Come**

Critics of H.R. 5882, a bill that would allow visas that have gone unused due to bureaucratic delays to be "recaptured" and issued to family- or employment-based legal immigrants, claim it will needlessly create new visas. The fact is that "recapturing" lost visas would not authorize any new green cards; it would allow the government to issue green cards that Congress has already authorized.

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