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Dr. Chris Callison-Burch Associate Research Professor Department of Computer Science 224 Croft Hall 3400 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218

Dear Professor Callison-Burch,

Thank you for copying me on your letter to President Obama. I, too, am terribly frustrated by the delays, disruptions, and hardships many of our international students face. Our government affairs office has attempted and in some cases been successful in helping students in similar situations. Faculty from the School of Engineering have met with our congressional delegation to let them know of these experiences and to express our displeasure with the status quo. I assure you that we share your passion for this issue and sorrow for your student. The United States is losing a great amount of talent and causing unnecessary hardship for university-based VISA students.

I am encouraged by the currently debated Senate immigration reform legislation. It includes provisions that would end the current practice of training talented international students at U.S. colleges and universities and then requiring these students to exit the country upon completion of their studies. As the process moves forward, our government affairs staff will continue to advocate to improve the immigration system for our students.

Thank you,

Ronald J. Daniels