

## *Falling behind on training workers*

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Michael A. Fletcher's reporting on the bitter irony facing the Fresno, Calif., workforce - an aching high unemployment rate coexisting with a panoply of unfilled job openings for skilled workers [front page, Feb. 2] - said as much, if not more, about the need for comprehensive immigration reform as it did about the need for worker training.

The fact is that under even the rosier scenarios, bringing workers up to speed takes time. Time that an overseas competitor can use to put American companies out of business. The article added to the overwhelming body of evidence that the correlation between hiring immigrant workers and taking American jobs is a false one. The truth is that the law as it stands offers companies two choices: Move the jobs overseas to where the workers are, or shutter the doors. In either case, American workers lose.

The writer is an immigration attorney.

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