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To the Editor:

Michael S. Teitelbaum's cry of "Too Many **Engineers**, Too Few Jobs" (Op-Ed, March 19), on proposals rejected by Congress that would have held down increases in the number of skilled foreign **workers** allowed to immigrate to the United States, is an echo of the 1970's.

I cannot fault Mr. Teitelbaum's statistics on unemployment among **engineers**, but they are counter to the experience of my Ph.D. students, six of whom have found good jobs in industry in the last two years. In addition, all my Taiwanese students have returned home to find jobs. Students from India are attracted back home to an expanding economy.

As corporations cut research, the role of research universities in training **engineers** becomes more important. Some universities have seen decreases in their Ph.D. programs in response to anticipated funding cuts. Complex technology will require more **engineers** with advanced training, not fewer.

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