

## Press Release



# Immigrants With Investor Visas Have Invested Over \$20 Billion Into the U.S. Economy

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As President Trump seeks changes to the U.S immigration system, existing visa programs are facing scrutiny. Today the American Action Forum released an analysis examining the EB-5 foreign investor visa program. While AAF's research found thoughtful reforms should be considered to increase transparency, on the whole, the program has significant benefits. AAF's Jacqueline Varas highlights the \$20 billion economic contribution immigrant investors have made to the U.S. economy since 2008, \$5 billion of which was in 2017 alone. Projects associated with EB-5 investments are estimated to have created over 174,000 jobs. The program is scheduled to lapse on February 8th if not extended by Congress.