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# Immigration Reform in The America COMPETES Act of 2022

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The U.S. immigration system needs fundamental reform to counter worsening demographic trends and to refocus immigration criteria to prioritize high-skilled workers. In a new insight, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Whitney Appel summarize and evaluate The America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing, Pre-Eminence in Technology and Economic Strength (COMPETES) Act's proposed immigration reforms.

### Key points:

- The America COMPETES Act of 2022 (H.R. 4521), contains the first immigration reforms to be considered in regular order by this Congress.
- It includes three reforms: a new entrepreneur's visa, an exemption for some skilled immigrants from numerical caps, and Temporary Protected Status for residents of Hong Kong.
- While the bill would modestly raise the amount and skill levels of U.S. immigration, it is no substitute for a more comprehensive overhaul.

[\*Read the analysis\*](#)