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Senator Cornyn “Weighs In” on Behalf of IT Staffing Industry

Alexandria, VA, June 20, 2011 - Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), has forcefully weighed-in on behalf of the U.S. IT Staffing Industry with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Following TechServe Alliance’s meeting with Senator Cornyn in Washington, D.C. last month, on June 17th, the Senator sent a letter to USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas questioning the agency’s implementation of the policy set forth in the so-called Neufeld Memo issued in January 2010. The Neufeld Memo represented an abrupt change in agency policy and practice severely restricting access of IT staffing firms to H-1B visas.

In his letter, Senator Cornyn stated: “USCIS should not create a new policy that essentially denies the entire IT consulting and staffing industry access to H-1B workers.” He further urged USCIS Director Mayorkas to personally meet with TechServe Alliance in an effort to address industry concerns.

“I want to thank Senator Cornyn for his leadership on this critical issue,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance.

Having heard directly from owners of Texas-based IT staffing firms on the devastating impact of USCIS’s ill-advised policies specifically targeting the industry, Senator Cornyn, who is the Ranking Member of the Immigration Subcommittee with jurisdiction over these issues, offered his assistance.

“We could not ask for a better advocate of industry interests. We look forward to continuing to work with Senator Cornyn and other Members of Congress as we seek to ensure IT staffing firms have access to H-1B professionals on the same basis as companies in other industries,” added Roberts.

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