



The Honorable Bill Foster
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Dear Representatives Foster and Obernolte,

On behalf of IEEE-USA and our more than 150,000 members across the United States, I write to express our support for the *Countering Russian Innovation and Safeguarding Individual Scientists (CRISIS) Act of 2025*. This legislation takes a positive step toward strengthening the U.S. STEM workforce by offering expanded green card opportunities to talented engineers and technologists.

Welcoming individuals with advanced degrees, especially those educated in U.S. institutions, reinforces the strength and resilience of our innovation economy. The CRISIS Act rightly recognizes that America's global leadership depends in part on our ability to attract and retain world-class talent, particularly in critical sectors of science and technology.

We also appreciate that the CRISIS Act aligns with broader efforts to bolster the STEM workforce and enhance U.S. competitiveness. As you consider this legislation, we encourage continued efforts to modernize the U.S. immigration system to better reflect the workforce demands. IEEE-USA believes that all Americans benefit when our economy includes the world's most capable minds, regardless of which country those innovative minds come from.

We thank you for your leadership on this important issue and urge strong consideration and advancement of the CRISIS Act. We hope it will serve as a catalyst for broader efforts to secure and sustain America's scientific and technological leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Lee".

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