



June 25, 2026

Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711  
Dear Governor Greg Abbott,

Thank you for your initial step in addressing state agencies and universities utilizing H-1B visas to undercut American workers who are qualified for high-skilled positions. We share your concerns and fully support your efforts to ensure that domestic workers are not put at a competitive disadvantage to foreigners.

Recently, we have seen concerning evidence suggesting **at least two state universities are openly defying your H-1B hiring freeze and continuing to issue new requests for H-1B visas.**

- The University of Texas at Austin posted a Notice of Intent to Hire an H-1B / E-3 Employee for a Research Engineering role.
- Texas A&M University has allegedly filed 57 H-1B applications since the order.

Public universities have reportedly interpreted your order to permit them to continue H-1B renewals and adjustment of status requests. That is unacceptable.

We know you agree... Texas taxpayers should never be forced to fund the salaries of foreign workers our public universities continue to place ahead of qualified Texans and American citizens. These institutions exist to educate Texas students, strengthen the Texas workforce, and serve the public interest—*not to operate as taxpayer-funded immigration sponsors for foreign labor.*

The undersigned leaders of grassroots organizations urge immediate enforcement action against Texas public universities that are attempting to evade your executive order freezing H-1B hiring.

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We respectfully urge you to make clear that your order applies not only to new H-1B hires, but also to renewals, extensions, transfers, amendments, adjustment of status support, affiliated entities, and any other workaround designed to preserve existing H-1B pipelines inside Texas government.

Texas public universities should be required to immediately disclose:

1. Every current H-1B worker or sponsored foreign worker employed by the institution;
2. Every pending or planned renewal, extension, transfer, amendment, or adjustment of status request;
3. The salary, job title, department, and funding source for each position;
4. The recruitment efforts made to hire Texans or American citizens first; and
5. Any affiliated foundation, contractor, research entity, or university-adjacent organization being used to continue this practice indirectly.

Any university found to be evading the spirit or letter of your order should face consequences, including referral to the Attorney General, denial of future workforce-related approvals, and legislative scrutiny of its state funding.

Furthermore, we formally request that you urge the legislature, during the upcoming 90th Legislative Session, to enact strict limits on H-1B and other visa hiring by state agencies and institutions, all local governments and taxing entities, and recipients of government contracts or funding.

Respectfully,

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