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To Senate legal and Constitutional Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia.

Sub: Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

To whom it may concern

The recent bill that was proposed to cap and terminate the existing GSM visas, as though it was not bought in to existence. This is a very unfair and ruthless move made against existing GSM visa applications and an unfair move by the government against the immigrants. We do understand that the idea of Mr. Immigration Minister is suggesting that a vast majority of GSM applications to be capped and ceased, even when the affected are still residing in various parts of Australia

People who have been living in this wonderful country along with me have followed all the rules and gone through the required process, filed all our paperwork in the desired manner and spent a great deal of our time and money on fulfilling the application criteria. We the International students from many different countries will be affected if this VISA CAPPING comes into light. All our efforts will be shattered like a broken mirror. This idea of VISA CAPPING seems to be completely absurd to me. All these years we spent in this country will be gone for nothing. The hard work that we did to pay our rents, loans, building a path to our careers, hope to our families, will become just dreams. Im very sure that most of the people that have applied their PR must be in a conclusion that they will be getting their PR in Australia. Thinking that most of them might have already spent a lot of money and time to create a good future here in Australia by starting new business, applications for buying homes and properties, mortgages, car finances, credit cards etc.

Honorable government should also keep these entire issues in mind before passing the VISA CAPPING bill active. What would happen to all those financial institutions that have provided the funds to all these migrants? Do you think if this BILL comes into action' will the

migrants simply pay back all the funds and walk out of this country. Definitely not I tell you. As a result this country will again get back into recession. Many jobs will be lost many companies will loose millions and billions. As we all know that we will find at least two migrants in every work place we see. The majority of the jobs are being held by migrants. What happens if all these migrants are forced to go back?

I do completely understand that the Australian government can't simply accept all the migrants that are coming in. But at the same time it is equally not fair to punish all the people who have already dreamt about their beautiful future in such a wonderful country. You should also consider the real prospect of further tarnishing of Australia's reputation on international scenario. How is the government going to fix its reputation if it's lost? It's easy to earn the money back but not the reputation and the international relations.

Where is the famous '**FAIR GO**' for international students in Australia? Why were the applicants led to believe that by meeting the requirements of a particular type of visa, they will not be penalized through no fault of their own? And more over the overseas students were encouraged to apply for Australia migration, where eligible. This is very clear in DIAC's policy (80.5 Intention to remain in Australia)

We the International students are completely dissatisfied with the proposed Migration Amendment Visa Capping Bill2010, which will provide uncontrolled powers to Hon Minister of Immigration to terminate even the legitimately lodged applications. Majority of the applicants like me have been waiting for a long time now hoping to get a positive reply from the Government.

Most of the students and migrants who in the hope of a better life and career have arrived in this country. These people are now going to be left high and dry if their applications are terminated. While the new coming students will be discouraged to enter in to Australia. Many of the parents have spent their hard earned money to allow their children to study in Australia. Their savings made over a average working age of a parent is spent over in this country just to give their children a better future.

The DIAC's will be able to refund the visa fees but what about our precious young lives that will go wasted with this amendment. Is the Hon Minister able to reimburse or compensate for it?

These unexpected changes will bring a huge affect on the international education system in Australia in such a way that it will take a life time for this country to build up the confidence and maintain the relations between the friendly nations. The proposed bill will further ruin the reputation of this great nation.

So we request you that any step if required to be taken should therefore only affect future visa applicants which after advising all the migrants.

Yours Sincerely,
Anil Kumar.