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Committee Secretary Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia

Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

OPPOSTION TO THE BILL

We oppose the capping or ceasing of lodged skilled migration applications.

On behalf of all True Blue Migrations skilled visa clients, we think it is grossly unfair to cut short the hopes and future contributions of hundreds of skilled migrants.

Our clients have invested not only thousands of dollars in their migration process, they have alerted employers to their intention to leave, they have researched jobs, schools and properties, they have planned excitedly with family and they have gained insight from settled migrants by chatting on migration forums.

Australia's reputation of a "fair go" will be compromised by capping.

Our clients are not case numbers. We're talking about people's lives and livelihoods.

There must be an alternative to capping or ceasing that allows skilled migrants to enter Australia to meet our economic or industry needs.

- Could migrants settle in regional areas, or areas of specific occupation demand?
- Could migrants with stronger English be given more latitude?
- Could migrants who secure a verifiable job offer in their field progress?

We hope that you take our submission into account.

Yours sincerely,

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