

My name is John Robert, a Norwalk resident and I am one of the founders of the CT Techworkers Coalition.

Our group is made up of members of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds, who live all across the state. We are tech workers who have been systematically excluded from employment opportunities in our own country, all because we are American citizens.

It was relatively easy pulling together this group, because so many of us experience discrimination in hiring. With every passing day, more and more workers from India are allowed into the country. In many cases, corporations get a tax break when they hire foreign workers.

Sounds crazy, right? But it's true.

There is an alphabet soup of Visa programs that has resulted in IT departments right here in CT being run entirely by Indian workers here on work Visas. And they have an absolute abysmal track record of hiring Americans.

THE VERY LAST THING WE NEED IS ANOTHER WAY FOR CORPORATIONS TO EXCLUDE US FROM HIRING. WITH HB-7392 IN PLACE, RECRUITERS AND HIRING MANAGERS WILL NO LONGER HAVE A CURSORY WAY TO EXCLUDE US BASED ON OUR CITIZENSHIP AND OUR AGE.

Please join me in supporting this bill. It will help so many of my members have a fighting chance at employment.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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