

Several Companies Join Chamber's Pushback on Nonimmigrant Visa Restrictions

Last week several companies, including Amazon, Facebook, Netflix, Microsoft, and Twitter, filed an amicus brief in the U.S. district court in the Northern District of California. The amicus brief supports the lawsuit being pursued by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business associations against the nonimmigrant visa restrictions imposed under Presidential Proclamation 10052. [Read more.](#)

What it said: "The suspension of these vital nonimmigrant visa programs will stifle innovation, hinder growth, and ultimately harm U.S. workers, businesses, and the economy more broadly in irreparable ways." [Read the brief.](#)

In July, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Retail Federation, and others [sued](#) to challenge federal restrictions on businesses' ability to meet their workforce needs through lawful immigration.

Our take: "Our lawsuit seeks to overturn these sweeping and unlawful immigration restrictions that are an unequivocal 'not welcome' sign to the engineers, executives, IT experts, doctors, nurses, and other critical workers who help drive the American economy," said Chamber CEO Tom Donohue in [a statement last month](#). "Left in place, these restrictions will push investment abroad, inhibit economic growth, and reduce job creation."

What's next: The Chamber and others are seeking to [enjoin](#) the enforcement of these visa restrictions. The Chamber will remain busy with our aggressive briefing schedule for the remainder of August in preparation for our court hearing on September 11. We expect a decision on whether the court will grant our requested injunction by the end of September.

—Jon Baselice, Executive Director, Immigration Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce