

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4602

July 24, 2017

The Honorable Rex W. Tillerson
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Tillerson,

On July 12, Representative LoBiondo joined by 32 other Members of Congress in sending you the attached letter in support of the State Department-managed J-1 Visa Summer Work Travel (SWT) program. I wholeheartedly endorse their comments and wish to add my name to that list supporting the J-1 Visa SWT program.

There are at least 15 businesses in my Congressional district dependent on the SWT program to stay open during the summer vacation season. Without access to this program, they will have to reduce hours, turn away vacationers, and layoff year-round American employees dependent on the summer surge to support payrolls off season. Plus, our local community and visiting vacationers benefit from the intercultural exchange with the foreign SWT participants.

Please use your good offices to maintain this program and continue its presence in my District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our country. I also request you work with stakeholders of this program to strengthen and expand it further.

Sincerely,



Scott Taylor
Member of Congress