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Thank you for "International brain drain" in your May 21 edition. The deleterious effect of decreased enrollment by foreign students may be only half the problem caused by increased scrutiny and obstacles to visa issuance. Foreign students not only contribute to our economy directly through tuition and living expenses, but also through their later contributions to research in the technical and scientific fields in postgraduate professional positions.

While these regulations are intended to safeguard our economy and homeland, the delays created by the discretionary application of these regulations are having a negative impact on both.

The cost of these delays is growing and, for small businesses, can be devastating.