



SABA North America’s Statement regarding DHS’ Final Rule on H1-B Modernization

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Last December, SABA North America joined a multi-sector comment on the proposed regulatory changes on the specialty occupation and position criteria published in the H-1B Modernization Today, the DHS announced a final rule consistent with what SABA North America and 73 other organizations requested in our [formal comment](#). This decision modernizes the H1-B program by streamlining and increasing the flexibility of the approval process, adhering to U.S. worker protections under the law, and reducing unnecessary burdens on employers—all of which will contribute to strengthening our economy.

SABA North America’s VP of Advocacy remarked on the occasion:

“SABA applauds the finalization of the H-1B Modernization rule, a crucial step towards a more efficient, predictable, and reliable H-1B visa program. This rule is a significant win for high-skilled foreign workers and U.S. competitiveness, streamlining the process for attracting and retaining top global talent critical to our nation's economic growth. By reducing unnecessary delays, supporting key research initiatives, and strengthening program integrity, this modernization effort ensures the H-1B program remains a vital tool for securing the skills that will drive America's future success.

SABA is proud to have played a role in this process by joining a multi-sector coalition in submitting formal comments to USCIS. This collaborative effort brought together diverse perspectives from higher education, business, science, policy, and economic development organizations to ensure the final rule reflects the needs of a wide range of stakeholders invested in America's continued success.”