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Partners with the Cleveland Triathlon for 31st Annual Race on July 23rd UCP of Greater Cleveland is the Official Charity of the Cleveland Triathlon for the Tenth Consecutive Year Inspired to TRI - Ten Years of Community Awareness and Inspiration

(CLEVELAND) The Cleveland Triathlon ties to advance their independence, productivity has once again partnered with UCP of Greater Cleveland, making it the Official Charity of the 31st annual race on Sunday, July 23, 2017. The event takes place in the North Coast Harbor area of Downtown Cleveland.

For the last nine years, Team UCP has consisted of triathletes, recreational enthusiasts and non-athletes who have joined together to raise funds and awareness for UCP of Greater Cleveland. The partnership with the Cleveland Triathlon and race producer Pacific Sports has spanned a decade and raised more than \$1 Million in support for the agency. The funds raised each year impact programming for over 1,100 children and adults with disabilities throughout Northeast Ohio. Team UCP's slogan, "Inspired to TRI," signifies the members' desire to push themselves to the limits in honor of those who work hard every day to be independent members of the community.

Pacific Sports Owner and CEO Jack Caress remarked, "Our relationship with UCP of Greater Cleveland has positively changed the personality and atmosphere of the Cleveland Triathlon. It has served to benefit not only fundraising for UCP, but also enriched the experience of every participant and volunteer of the event in the past nine years." Year number 10 will be no different, as 13 families of children with disabilities include their children in the race by pulling them in bike trailers during the bicycle leg and pushing them in jogging strollers during the run portion. Some families will even pull their children in rafts during the swim portion of the competition.

Community members can be a part of this extraordinary event and Team UCP. The Cleveland Triathlon offers several categories and race distances. If you are not ready to tackle the triathlon independently, there are other ways to be involved. You can choose to be a part of a relay team, or you can volunteer out on the course providing directions. Pacific Sports will donate \$10 to UCP of Greater Cleveland for each individual participant who is a member of Team UCP and \$15 for each relay as well as make a donation for each volunteer. Donations can also be made directly to UCP of Greater Cleveland in honor of Team UCP at www.active.com/donate/teamucp2017.

For more information on Team UCP or the agency's involvement in the Cleveland Triathlon, contact Tammy Willet at twillet@ucpcleveland.org, call (216) 791-8363, extension 1228 or log on to http://pacificsportsllc. com/cleveland-tri-registration/. Participants should register under Team UCP.

The mission of UCP of Greater Cleveland is to empower children and adults with disabiliand inclusion in the community. The nonprofit organization employs 195 individuals offering comprehensive children's therapy services through LeafBridge, A Center of Excellence for Children, and adult vocational and community integration services through OakLeaf, A Center of Excellence for Adults. With low administrative costs, 87 cents of every contributed dollar goes directly to the programs and services offered by the agency. The UCP of Greater Cleveland headquarters - the Iris S. and Bert L. Wolstein Center - is located at 10011 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44106. The agency has two other locations in Westlake and Highland Hills as well as at various educational and vocational sites throughout Cuyahoga and surrounding counties. Please visit www.ucpcleveland.

Based in Anaheim, California, Pacific Sports LLC has been the premier sports consulting firm for over 35 years. The firm specializes in event development, production, management and corporate sports marketing and development in participatory lifestyle events including triathlon, running and cycling. Pacific Sports produces six events annually including the Brooklyn 15k, Cleveland Triathlon, Long Beach Triathlon, Newport Beach Triathlon and the U.S. Open Triathlon in Rockwall, Heath and Dallas Texas. The company and its founder and president, Jack Caress, have produced more than 430 endurance events in the United States, including the 1996 Triathlon World Championships in Cleveland, Ohio and 12 U.S. Championships.

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隨着特朗普的上台,美國收緊移民政 策的手段一直層出不窮。而現在,美國又要 開始拿留學生簽證"開刀"了。

據《華盛頓郵報》10日消息,美國國土 安全局幾名高級官員日前提出了一項議 案,要求所有在美留學生每年必須重新申 請在美國停留的簽證, 並重新繳納學生和 交流學者信息系統 (SEVIS)費用。

聯邦官員稱,這一議案尚處于初始階 段,需要一年半的時間進行具體調整,並經 簽發護照的機構美國國務院批準後方可實

如果這一議案獲批,那么,對於已經 在美或者即將赴美留學的學生來説到底意 味着什么呢? 而此舉爲啥被國土安全局官 員看好,卻被多名教育界人士唱衰?學生簽 證的政策變化,又爲何是由國土安全局,而 不是由移民局提出呢?

新的議案

赴美留學費用上昇手續變複雜

針對這一議案,兩位參與討論的聯邦 官員在接受《華盛頓郵報》採訪時表示其 "富有爭議",因其將會導致留學生們面臨 更繁複的文書和更高額的手續費。

紅星新聞記者查閱美國教育部網站 發現,目前申請赴美簽證的外國學生和訪 問學者需一次性繳納 200 美金(約合人民 幣 1361 元)的 SEVIS 費用。因此,這一政 策修訂就意味着如在美讀書或交流超過一 年,就要在次年重複繳納這一費用。

美國移民局官網繳納 SEVIS 費用頁面。

此外,一些國土安全局的官員還提出 另一種憂慮,認爲目前的學生簽證期限限 制不夠嚴格。

他們通過數據指出,去年所有外國留 學生中,約2.8%的學生有超期滯留現象, 而這一數字超過超期滯留游客人數的 2 倍之

因此,政府也正在考慮給國際學生的留學 項目附注更加明確的截止日期。

更麻煩的是,如因種種原因沒有如期畢 業,留學生們還必須申請延長項目時間。而在此 前的聯邦法律規定中,只要外國學生擁有學籍 而且遵守相關規章制度,那么他們可以自由更 換學校,也可以長期留在同一學校,並不需要重 新申請許可。

聯邦官員信心滿滿地表示,此項計劃是希 望通過對留學生更加嚴密的監控,來加強國家

教育界異議

"學生是財富而不是威脅"學校和學生可 能兩敗俱傷

美國國土安全部門的工作人 員稱,這一規定可能會遭到不少大 學的抵抗,因其勢必導致留學生數 量減少, 而學校也需要在管理上付 出更多時間和精力,以保證所有學 生的畢業論文都能如期通過, 最終 也會讓學校的收入減少。

那么,留學生到底給美國帶來 了多少財政收入呢?

據《華盛頓郵報》報道,截止到 今年5月,國際留學生已經佔到了

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美國全部在讀學生的5%。而且,美國的大 學還非常樂意招收國際學生,因爲他們除 了能增加學校的文化多樣性外,所支付的 學費還可以大大充實學校的金庫:據國際 教育學會(NAFSA)的統計數字顯示,僅 2015年一年,國際留學生就給美國經濟帶 來了超過350億美元的收益。 耶魯大學正在修建新校舍,預備進一步招

收來自世界各地的新生,以滿足需求。十 年間耶魯的國際學生增長了46%。

而除了收入減少外,移民局對待學生 的態度也引起了教育界人士的不滿。

國際教育學會公共政策部副主任吉 爾.韋爾奇(Jill Welch)表示,責令國際學生 每年重新申請簽證"冗雜而毫無意義"。

韋爾奇表示:"歷任外交政策領導人 都相信這一點:來美學習的國際學生是我 們的財富,而不應該被視爲是威脅……

而美國大學聯合會發言人佩德羅.里 貝羅(Pedro Ribeiro)則提出了一個更加現 實的問題:"對於那些在結課後還要花更 多時間完成論文的學生來說,這一變化可 能會給他們帶來巨大影響。

政策溯源

"9.11事件"的兩名恐怖分子曾以學 生身份入境

記者查閱美國移民局網站發現,此次 國土安全局提議每年重新交納的 200 美 元的 SEVIS 費用是從 2004 年起才由美國 國會頒佈法令要須繳納的,而9.11事件正 是這一費用的緣由。

那么這兩者間究竟有什么聯繫呢?此 事還要從移民局一手造成的鬧劇説起。

據美國有線電視新聞網 2002 年的一 篇報道稱,在9.11事件過去半年之後,美 佛羅里達州的霍夫曼國際飛行學校(Huff-

man Aviation) 意接到了移民局的書面通知,稱 2001年7月曾在該校學習過的阿塔和謝赫的 學生簽證已獲批準,而這兩人都是直接參與了 "9.11"事件的恐怖分子。

當時,國外留學生可以先開始在美國學 習,後拿學生簽證,這也是爲什么這兩名恐怖分 子的簽證延遲了半年時間才送到校方。

兩名被簽發學生簽證的 9.11 恐怖分子 此事一出,舉國嘩然。據美國移民局網站 顯示,從2003年起,美國國土安全部成立了一 個名爲"學生交流和信息系統"的反恐資料庫, 要求所有招收外國留學生的美國高校都要將外 國學生信息登記在案,並從2004年起開始繳納 費用,當時的費用爲 100 美元,自 2008 年 10 月 27 日起才增長至 200 美元。



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