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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4665, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. RAMIREZ OF ILLINOIS**

Authorizes the Department of State to broaden the eligibility criteria for work authorizations, making it more inclusive for various immigrant and migrant categories. This includes individuals with pending immigration cases, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, and TPS beneficiaries.

To alleviate bureaucratic barriers the amendment directs the Department of State to streamline the application process for work authorizations, making it more accessible and efficient for applicants.

The amendment also directs the Department of State to implement provisions to expand and improve temporary worker programs, such as H-2 visas, to meet labor market demands while ensuring the protection of workers' rights and fair wages.

This amendment authorizes the Department of State to strengthen protections against workplace exploitation, wage theft, and will integrate discrimination into the work authorization framework to safeguard the rights of immigrant and migrant workers.