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I have a comment regarding the mailing address on the I-829. The I-829 form requires a US mailing address. Part 1 item 14 has the heading "Your U.S. Mailing Address". 8 CFR 216.6(a)(3) says, "A petition may be filed regardless of whether the alien is physically present in the United States." Although the I-829 form allows the entry of a physical address that is outside the US, it requires a mailing address in the US.

This presents a problem for applicants who are temporarily outside the US at the time of filing, and who will only return to the US after their green card expires. For entry to the US after their green card expires and while the I-829 is pending, an applicant would need to use their expired green card in combination with the I-829 receipt, which doubles as a 24-month extension letter. However, the I-829 receipt would be sent to the mailing address, which must be in the US. Thus an applicant who is outside the US at the time of filing and who remains outside the US until after their green card expires, would not be able to get the I-829 receipt while they are abroad (unless they can find someone in the US to receive it and re-mail it to them abroad), and without getting the receipt abroad, it is difficult for them to return to the US after their green card expires.

To solve this problem, I propose that the form allow the applicant to enter a foreign mailing address, or alternately, to allow the applicant to specify a foreign address to send the I-829 receipt to other than the mailing address.

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