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Re: Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for T Nonimmigrant Status, Application for Derivative T Nonimmigrant Status, and Declaration for Trafficking Victim

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in regards to the public comment for OMB Control Number 1615-0099 published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) & U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Docket ID USCIS-2006-0059-Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for T Nonimmigrant Status, Application for Derivative T Nonimmigrant Status, and Declaration for Trafficking Victim.

I am currently a student at California State University – Long Beach and enrolled in a Citizenship and Immigration Law class. Through this class, I have learned of the importance of T-Visa applications as they can help victims of human trafficking and their immediate family members.

According to the above notice, the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is proposing updating the ways and methods that data is collected via Form-I-914. Upon reviewing the provided information about this change published in the Federal Register Vol. 89, No. 133 published Thursday, July 11, 2024, I would like to address the following points:

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1) Electronic submission options - The public burden associated with data collection could be relieved by expanding and improving electronic submission options in a similar way that the IRS has largely moved away from physical paper forms and filings. The current Form I-914 requires that it be completed in “black ink” and submitted physically which creates an additional need for labor intensive filing and storage of physical documents. Additionally, using simplified electronic forms as well as interactive videos and online instructions could help guide applicants throughout the application process and further reduce the amount of time related to the public burden and costs associated with review and storage of these forms.

2) Language availability - An expansion of the available languages that Form I-914 can be completed in should be expanded. Currently, only English is available for this application while a vast majority of applicants are from non-English speaking countries. Additionally, any documents that are submitted with Form I-914 that are not in English must be translated and accompanied with an authorized translator certification. This requirement creates an additional public burden, especially if the additional documents are testimonies from trafficking victims themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the above matter. While immigration continues to be an important topic in our national dialogue, I have faith that the United States will continue to set an example on how to treat immigrants and refugee from other countries with respect, compassion and support.

Kind Regards,  
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