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The goal in putting out forms is to make it as easy for the public as possible to fill them out. Both the I-601 and the I-601a go out of their way to make it harder for the public to provide addresses and phone numbers.

Proper postal address formatting requires that the street number, street name and any other number, be it apartment, suite, floor, unit, etc. be on one line. USCIS has gotten into the habit of breaking what should be one field, and one field only, into three fields. This slows the filling of the forms down.

Likewise, phone numbers are one, and only one number, not three. Again, the division of a phone number into three fields unnecessarily slows the filling of the forms.

If USCIS systems require such a break in either of these fields, that should be handled by USCIS' scanning software, and not by artificially imposing that burden on the user.

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