



United States Department of State

*Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Visa Services*

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Office of Management and Budget
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Sarah Bashadi:

Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 1320.139(a)(2), the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) requests that OMB authorize the emergency processing of Form DS-7781.

CA is implementing immigrant visa fee refunds authorized under the Adoptive Family Relief Act ("the Act") for families that have adopted orphan children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Act allows the refund upon request of fees paid for renewal or replacement of an immigrant visa since March 27, 2013 if "the immigrant child was unable to use the original immigrant visa during the period of its validity as a direct result of extraordinary circumstances, including the denial of an exit permit; and if such inability was attributable to factors beyond the control of the adopting parent or parents and of the immigrant." The form will assist the Department of State to properly process immigrant visa fee refund applications under the Act.

The DS-7781 will be available electronically and will be submitted on paper to the embassy or consulate where the original adoption case was processed.

CA requests emergency OMB approval to begin the collection process to provide financial relief to U.S. citizens and to satisfy the intent of Congress and the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed J. Ramotowski".

Edward J. Ramotowski
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