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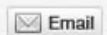
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I do not see the proposed I-589 anywhere on this website. I am very concerned that the public is not getting an opportunity to comment in a meaningful way. There are many problems with the current I-589. I am an immigration attorney who has prepared many I-589s for clients. I cannot view the proposed change, but these are my comments on the current one:

- The I-589 should be changed to indicate only month and year of each entry, or just year, not month/day/year, at least for prior entries. Many applicants cannot remember the exact day, yet if they do not provide an exact day, the I-589 is rejected. This means that if applicants want their I-589 to be accepted, they must lie under oath that they entered on a precise day when in fact they do not know or remember. I understand that for the 1-year filing deadline the exact date must be known, but that can be addressed at the interview. Often, in the many years it often takes to be interviewed, applicants can speak with friends, family, or others who may remember or have documentary evidence of the exact date of entry. But they cannot risk missing the 1-year filing deadline and take the time to gather that information before filing.
- The I-589 is way too detailed and complicated to fill out by a person who does not have an attorney and does not understand asylum law.
- The I-589 itself (not just the instructions) should make it very clear that there is a one-year filing deadline and should give examples of the exceptions (in layman's terms) with checkboxes to allow applicants to mark what exceptions they believe may apply in their case.
- There should continue to be no fee for the Form I-589 if we are truly to protect those who are most vulnerable in our country.
- "What other names have you used?" Should explain that nicknames, if they have used one or two surnames, or other people's misspellings of their name should be included.
- Q. 24 - Should explain what it means to include a spouse or child in the application.
- "Total number of children" should explain that even if the person does not want to bring a child to the U.S., the child should be included. It should also specify whether stepchildren, deceased children, adopted children, and adult children should be included.

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