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The Affidavit of Support -

1.Part 2 Add USCIS Case # also.

2.Part # 6 - Make provision for Negative Income - if a person shows a loss in their personal business. I have been putting 0 for income and they have been accepting it.

3 Part # 6 - "My Current Individual Income" not clear - Especially when husband and wife both worked. Also, what happen when the sponsor is the wife who is not employed and they filed joint taxes and there is an I-864A - Is this the income only for the sponsor etc.. Why not just use the adjusted gross income from the 1040 tax return?

4. Part #6 - 18.b - We need to include 1040 and 1040A line numbers to this wording in addition to the 1040EZ.

5. Part # 6 - 20. In come cases the person worked 2 out of the 3 years or 2 out of the 3 etc. Can we change the wording to read "I was not required to file a Federal income tax return as my income was below the IRS required level for the year indicated below (put boxes

with the indicated year(yr1, yr2, y3) for sponsor to check. and I have attached evidence to support this.

6 Part 7 - Use of Assets to Supplement Income" This is a problem. On several occasions my clients immigrant visa was denied because the consulate did not accept the assets used to supplement the affidavit of support. (Example: Sponsor AGI was \$39,050.00 and the poverty level was \$35,975.00 He was short \$975.00. So 5 times the difference is \$4500.00. He gave me a Certified Bank Statement for \$145,000.00. One Hundred thousand dollars more that the amount required. He was denied for the shortage of \$975.00 and we had to find a joint sponsor. USCIS/NVC and DOS must have some kind of coordinated effort because NVC approved the submission and DOS denied it. If we keep it on the form them we should be able to use it.

Thanks