



Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Non-Immigrant Visa Privacy Release Form

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A. Constituent Information

Name: Mr./Ms. (circle one)
Street Address: Apt. #:
City, State, Zip Code:
Home Phone: Work Phone:
Cell Phone: E-mail:

What is your relationship to applicant?
Have you contacted another Congressional office? If so, whose?
Please list any other individuals, by name, that you give us permission to speak to about your case (i.e. attorney, interpreter, family members, etc.):

B. Applicant Information

Please complete the following information for the applicant(s) you would like to bring to the United States:

Name: Mr./Ms. (circle one) Passport #:
Country of Birth: Date of Birth:
Embassy or Consulate Location (City, Country):

Please provide the following information, if known:

Dates/Duration of Visit:
Date and Time of Interview:
Receipt/Confirmation Number:

NOTE: If there are additional applicants you wish to bring to the United States, please provide the above information for each applicant on an additional page.

C. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide detailed responses to the attached form

In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, I hereby authorize Congresswoman Jackie Speier and her staff to make inquiries on my behalf and to receive confidential information in their efforts to assist me in resolving a federal agency matter.

Printed Name:
Signature: Date:

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Non-Immigrant Visa Supplementary Information

My office does not have the authority to grant a non-immigrant visitor's visa and I cannot overrule a decision made by a Consular Officer. My office can only communicate information about the applicant to a Consulate or Embassy. Please be aware that U.S. immigration law mandates that all non-immigrant visa applicants are presumed to intend to immigrate unless they can establish otherwise to the satisfaction of the interviewing Consular Officer. The burden of proof is on the applicant to convince the Officer that they have no intention of staying in the United States beyond the allotted time and that they have the financial resources to travel to the United States and back to their home country.

Many visitor visas are denied because there is a lack of adequate evidence establishing strong ties to their home country. In my letter, I can help describe these ties. In order to help me assist you with the non-immigrant visa process, please provide detailed information about the following on a separate sheet of paper:

- The purpose of the visitor's trip (i.e. family event, business, holiday, travel, or medical treatment)
- Dates of any previous applications submitted and their outcomes
 - If any applications were denied, please provide the reason given for the denial.
- A thorough and detailed description of the visitor's ties to their home country in the following areas:
 - **Family:** Spouse, children, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, etc.
 - Please specify the number of years married (if married)
 - Ages of all children and information on their family if they are married.
 - Individuals who live in the same household
 - Whether any individuals are dependent upon the applicant for financial support or other care
 - Whether the visitor has any family residing in the United States
 - **Property Ownership:** Including homes, businesses, land, vehicles, etc.
 - **Employment/Economic Stability:** Where the applicant is employed and number of years working for their employer, employment status of spouse, whether or not they are currently collecting any pensions and whether pensions are transferable.
 - **Education:** Degrees earned or, if the applicant is a student, their date of graduation.
 - **Community:** Organizations the applicant is involved in; including, but not limited to: church, social groups, philanthropic activities, elected office, and community groups.
- If the visit is for medical treatment, to visit an ill individual, or to attend a funeral, please provide a letter from the individual's doctor detailing their medical condition.

During the applicant's interview, documentation will be required to verify the above information. Examples of acceptable documents are below (not all of these documents may be required nor applicable to your situation). You do not need to provide this documentation to my office. However, your case will be stronger if you have supporting documentation at your interview, including documents you may have that are not listed below.

- Verification of property ownership, employment, enrollment in school, etc.
- If the purpose of the visit is for medical treatment, a statement from a doctor or medical institution
- If the applicant is unable to financially support themselves during the visit, evidence that an interested party will provide support during their stay and that the applicant can pay for a return ticket.
- Copies of paid **roundtrip** airline tickets for the upcoming trip (if purchased)
- Confirmation of participation in a planned tour or an invitation to an event in the U.S.
- If the purpose of the visit is for business: a letter from a U.S. business firm indicating the purpose of the trip, the visitor's intended length of stay, and the company's intent to pay travel costs.
- Letter from relatives or friends in the U.S. whom the visitor plans to visit.

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