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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-817; Extension
of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form I-
817, Application for Family Unity Benefits; OMB Control No. 1615-0005.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information
collection request to the Office of

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Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with
the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was
previously published in the Federal Register on June 15, 2009, at 74 FR
28266, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not
receive any comments.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for
public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until
November 2, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR
1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained
in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and
associated response time, should be directed to the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and
Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk
Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory
Products Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via
facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the
OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at
oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB
Control No. 1615-0005 in the subject box. Written comments and
suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or
more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is
necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,
including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden
of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of
the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Family Unity Benefits.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form I-817; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. The information collected will be used to determine whether the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for benefits under 8 CFR 236.14 and 245a.33.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 6,000 responses at 2 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 12,000 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2210, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: September 25, 2009.

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