



United States Department of State

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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 Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) requests that OMB authorize the emergency processing of Form DS-7699.

PRM and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are preparing to initiate an "in-country" processing program to provide a means for certain lawfully present persons in the United States ("anchor parents") to claim a relationship with child(ren) in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. The form will assist the U.S. Department of State in determining whether those child(ren) are qualified to apply for access to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for family reunification purposes. The proposed form DS-7699 also assists DHS to verify parent-child relationships during refugee case adjudication by requiring that the anchor parent provide biographical information about children overseas who wish to seek access to the USRAP.

The DS-7699 collection instrument will be available electronically and responses will be completed electronically.

PRM requests emergency OMB approval to modify the collection process as needed to ensure consistency with statutory and regulatory obligations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne C. Richard".

Anne C. Richard
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration