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*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Ms. Sarah Bashadi  
Office of Management and Budget  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Bashadi:

Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 1320.13(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 since the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

PRM and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are preparing to expand an "in-country" refugee/parole 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 for purposes of accessing the program. This form has been changed from its previous version to allow for additional individuals to be added to the form and allow for children to be processed outside of their country of origin.

The form will assist the U.S. Department of State in determining whether those child(ren), and other eligible family members and caregivers, 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,

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Mark C. Storella  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration