

DRAFT 4 14 2017 USCIS Responses to the 60 Day Federal Register Comments on USCIS-2016-0007

USCIS thanks the Commenters for their comments on this OMB/PRA Information Collection Clearance for the USCIS Evaluation of the USCIS SAVE program.

The First Commenter stated that the SAVE Program should not be expanded by the President and included other issues in his/her comments.

USCIS responds that the SAVE Program was established after Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 and has subsequently expanded into a nation-wide program that conducts immigration status verifications. The other issues raised by the First Commenter were not germane or related to an evaluation.

The Second Commenter stated: “I strongly believe in this collection of any and all data...” and “We must know ask and not apologize for knowing all information about immigrants in our country.”

USCIS responds that the purpose of this evaluation is to collect information on the SAVE program, which is a voluntary program for federal, state, and local government agencies to assist participating agencies with verifying the immigration status of benefit applicants. The mission of the SAVE program is to provide timely customer centric immigration status information to authorized agencies to help them maintain the integrity of their programs. Other issues raised by the Second Commenter were not germane to the evaluation process.