

**Appendix A: I-589 Public Comments and Responses Matrix**

<b>Comment #</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>USCIS Response</b>
<b>Comment 1.</b>	<b>Commenter:</b> Irena Sullivan from The Tahirih Justice Center	
<b>Form</b>	Current Question: Page 6, Part B, Question 2 Information About Your Application (continued) Proposed Change: Clarify whether an “arrest” includes immigration apprehension. Explanation: It is currently unclear.	<b>Response: Form amended to include inserting within parentheses "including for an immigration law violation" at the end of the sentence, after "other than the United States."</b>
<b>Form</b>	Current Question: Page 7, Part C, Questions 2a and 2b Additional Information About Your Application Proposed Change: Provide two separate boxes for the responses. Explanation: The question has two parts and should therefore have two separate boxes for the responses to maximize clarity.	<b>Response: The instructions are sufficiently clear.</b>
<b>Form</b>	Current Question: Page 8, Part C, Question 6 Additional Information About Your Application (continued) Proposed Change: Clarify whether an “arrest” includes immigration apprehension. Explanation: It is currently unclear.	<b>Response: Form amended to include inserting within parentheses "including for an immigration law violation" at the end of the sentence, after "in the United States."</b>
<b>Form</b>	Current Question: Page 4, Part A.III., Question 5 Information About Your Background, names of parents and siblings Proposed Change: Increase the size of the spaces provided for applicants to write their siblings’ and parents’ names Explanation: Most names do not fit in the spaces provided and therefore cannot be accurately written. This is particularly true for those who have two last names	<b>Response: Applicant already has the option to include additional information by using "Supplement B, or additional sheets of paper, if necessary)."</b>
<b>Instructions</b>	Current Question: Page 7-8, Part VI, Questions 1 & 2 Required Documents and Required Number of Copies That You Must Submit With Your Application Proposed Change: Instead of describing “Required Documents and Required Number of Copies” using the current paragraph format (“ie, documents such as...”), use a bullet point format listing exactly what documents are required, how many copies of each are needed, and what documents are just examples of	<b>Response: This is a valid concern and one that we intend to undertake as we consider a comprehensive revision. Currently, it goes beyond the scope of this extension.</b>

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	<p>what could be submitted to fulfill the application requirements.                      Explanation: The way it this is currently written is confusing for and not specific enough</p>	
<b>Instructions</b>	<p>Current Question: Page 8, Part 9 Biometrics, Including Fingerprints and Photographs                      Proposed Change: Add the following words in red below, to the second paragraph of this instruction: "You and your eligible spouse or children, regardless of age, listed on your asylum application <b>as derivatives</b> must provide biometrics..."                      Explanation: The way the instruction is currently worded is unclear because it wrongly implies that all family members listed on the Form I-589 (regardless of derivative status) need to undergo biometrics.</p>	<p><b>Response: The sentence has been corrected to: "You and your eligible spouse and children, regardless of age, included as derivatives on your asylum application..."</b></p>