




Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency OMB Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Clearance – Form I-134,
Declaration of Financial Support

Purpose: USCIS is requesting emergency approval of the revision of USCIS Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, which is an approved collection of information under 5 CFR 1320.13.

Background: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and consular officers of the U.S. Department of State (DOS) use Form I-134 to determine whether, at the time of the beneficiary's application, petition, or request for certain immigration benefits, an alien has sufficient financial support to pay for expenses for the duration of their temporary stay in the United States. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating the Form I-134, instructions, and respondent burden to account for the new population of individuals who will be applying for parole into the United States under section 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), including Ukrainian beneficiaries seeking parole who will need to submit a Form I-134 signed by an individual agreeing to financially support the parole applicant. It also expands the filing options to include electronic-filing for certain populations using the form. USCIS plans to announce implementation of this new filing option via the USCIS website.

Discussion: Following Russia's attack on Ukraine, DHS is creating a process for Ukrainian nationals to request parole under section 212(d)(5)(A) of the INA.

The changes to the Form I-134 are essential to effectively support U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in their efforts to adjudicate parole requests submitted by Ukrainians nationals. USCIS cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures as it would delay the agency's ability to provide immediate support CBP in the emerging urgent humanitarian crisis.

Accordingly, USCIS revised the Form I-134 to reflect additional information data points for vetting and processing individuals who will agree to financially support the parole applicant. Changes to the form have been thoroughly reviewed and vetted by USCIS.

USCIS seeks emergency processing of the Form I-134 in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13. USCIS certifies that the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13(a) are met and that:

- The collection of information is needed immediately and is essential to the mission of the agency.
- The use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

USCIS greatly appreciates the timely consideration of this request.

Recommendation: Please sign decision memo requesting emergency approval of this collection of information under 5 CFR 1320.13.