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Comment #	Commenter ID	Comment	USCIS Response
1.	0007	<p>Commenter: RUE Technology LLC I would like to request that, upon approval of the application, the developer be given proof that the application is authorized to use the API and that USCIS has approved the application through a formal review process.</p> <p>Recently, the Google Play Store took severe action against several immigration applications that were providing USCIS case information, automated checking, and notifying users of changes to their case. These apps are a convenient and crucial tool for countless users to keep track of the progress of their immigration status. Google claimed that the applications were violating impersonation policies by using titles such as "Case Tracker for USCIS Cases" and for providing functionality that is the ultimate goal of this API (see attached). Google has not yet reinstated these apps, and without providing documentation proving that the apps are allowed to provide this functionality, it is doubtful that Google will change their stance.</p> <p>The approval process put in place by USCIS to access the API will ensure that applications have undergone a formal review by USCIS. Along with this approval, a form should be provided, proving USCIS's review and approval, which can be given to publishers or third parties who suspect the app of accessing unauthorized USCIS functionality. Without documentation that can be provided to another party, it will be difficult to support that approved applications are allowed to use the functionality provided by the API and that their application was signed off by the USCIS department</p>	<p>Response: USCIS provides any party interested in the agency's APIs information and documentation on the USCIS Torch API Platform at http://developer.uscis.gov. The USCIS API platform allows developers to integrate their business solutions with USCIS services.</p> <p>The access, participation, development, and approval process for the Torch API platform are governed by USCIS and provide participants with access only to USCIS controlled services. USCIS does not assist participants in compliance requirements on other platforms or domains, including commercial entities or application clearing houses.</p> <p>As we work to increase API options, we welcome additional interest and participation in the APIs currently available. Currently we give specific and written approval notification to developers on our API platform.</p>
2.	0008	<p>Commenter: NALEO Educational Fund See attached letter at this link 0008.</p>	<p>Response: NOTE: <i>The commenter submitted their comment in letter format and uploaded the letter as an attachment at this link 0008.</i> USCIS acknowledges the letter from NALEO.</p>