

methods, and the management of these protective and law enforcement missions of the U.S. Secret Service. Similarly, many of the issues to be reviewed by the Independent Review Panel will require access to, and discussion of, non-public classified information and other non-public law enforcement sensitive information. These matters include protective measures taken by U.S. Secret service, state and local authorities, before, on, or after July 13, 2024.

II. Identifying Solutions

The Department recognizes the importance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10. The FACA, when it applies, generally requires advisory committees to meet in open session and make publicly available associated written materials. It also requires a 15-day notice before any meeting may be closed to public attendance. These requirements, however, would prevent the Department from convening on short notice a panel to discuss the sensitive and classified information surrounding the events of July 13, 2024, in an appropriate setting. The FACA contains several exceptions to its general disclosure rules, but the use of those exceptions is not sufficient to address the proper handling of classified material and the protection of law enforcement sensitive information in this unique context. The information that will be discussed and reviewed by this Panel will be deliberative in nature and will involve classified information that, if discussed in public, would result in the unauthorized disclosure of information that could reasonably be expected to result in threats or damage to national security. Furthermore, the information discussed will involve techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations. The release of this information would enable criminals and enemies to use that information to circumvent the law and could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of individuals.

Section 871 of the Homeland Security Act (HSA) provides the Secretary of Homeland Security with the authority to establish advisory committees and exempt them from the FACA. 6 U.S.C. 451(a). This authority allows the Department a forum to freely and completely review the security procedures, to discuss potential vulnerabilities, and to provide the Department with information and recommendations that otherwise could not be discussed.

III. Exercise of Section 871 Authority To Establish the Independent Review Panel

The Department respects the principles of open government and has judiciously exercised the authority Congress provided in Section 871 of the HSA. Given that the use of this authority will allow the Department a forum to fully and completely review the issues and make recommendations surrounding the U.S. Secret Service as described above, the Department is invoking that authority.

Collaboration among the panel members must involve many activities to include planning, coordination, protective security implementation, operational activities related to protective service security measures, vulnerabilities, protective measures, best practices, and lessons learned. An effective panel must be able to have ongoing, immediate, and multidirectional communication and coordination under highly exigent circumstances.

In furtherance of the DHS mission to provide protective services, the public interest requires the establishment of the Panel under the authority of 6 U.S.C. 451. The Panel will review the planning for and actions taken by the U.S. Secret Service and state and local authorities before, during, and after the July 13, 2024 campaign rally, and the governing policies and procedures. The Panel will interact with federal officials and representatives from the security and law enforcement communities. The Panel has no authority to establish Federal policy or otherwise undertake inherently governmental functions.

Exemption from the FACA (Pub. L. 92-463): In recognition of the highly sensitive, and often confidential or classified nature of the subject matter involved in the activities of the Panel, under the authority of section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451), the panel is hereby deemed exempt from the requirements of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10). The decision to exercise the exemption authority in section 871 will support the free flow of classified and law enforcement sensitive information concerning U.S. Secret Service protective measures and its operations as a law enforcement organization.

The Department, to the fullest extent possible without compromising the protective security or law enforcement missions, will make the factual findings and recommendations of the Panel available to the public.

IV. Membership and Structure

The specific membership of the Panel will consist of individuals with expertise in (a) law enforcement, (b) protective security, (c) homeland security, and (d) other experts as the investigation dictates. The Panel members will be designated by the Secretary. The Panel is tasked with making factual findings and recommendations. The Panel may identify and provide to the Secretary interim recommendations requiring immediate implementation prior to completing the full inquiry. This Notice is not a solicitation for membership.

Membership Status: Non-Federal members of the Panel serve as special government employees.

Meetings: The Panel may meet as a whole or in any combination of subgroups that is most conducive to the effective conduct of its activities including, without limitation, in groups encompassing discrete topics to address specific issues and concerns (e.g., a meeting of the members to discuss security specific issues, or a meeting of leaders of complex organizations). As independent bodies, meetings consisting solely of members of these subgroups shall not constitute meetings of the Panel. In addition, the Panel may establish informal working groups for the purpose of factfinding, issue development, or other preliminary non-deliberative activities. Such activities in support of the Panel shall also be within the scope of the exemption noted above.

Duration of Panel: Six months, subject to extension pursuant to section 871(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451(b)).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0014]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Declaration of Financial Support

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until August 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0014 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2006-0072. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2006-0072.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommies, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2024, at 89 FR 26900, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive two (2) comments in connection with the 60-day notice. There were no changes made to the new information collection since the publishing of the 60-day notice. USCIS responses to the comments are available in the comment matrix posted in the docket for this information collection.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at <https://www.regulations.gov> and

entering USCIS-2006-0072 in the search box. Comments must be submitted in English, or an English translation must be provided. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Declaration of Financial Support.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-134; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. DHS and consular officers of the 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, that beneficiary

has sufficient financial support to pay for expenses for the duration of their temporary stay in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-134 is 2,500 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.65 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 4,125 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$10,625.

Dated: July 18, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications by August 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: *Reviewing Documents:* Submit requests for copies of applications and other information submitted with the applications to Karen Marlowe (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All requests and comments should specify the