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**EVIDENCE WHICH MAY BE PRESENTED TO MEET
THE PUBLIC CHARGE PROVISIONS OF THE
U.S IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT**

GENERAL

The U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, requires you to establish to the satisfaction of the consular officer at the time of visa application, and also to the satisfaction of the United States immigration officer at the time of application for admission to the United States, that you are not likely to become a public charge (i.e. dependent on public benefits).

As an alien in "K" classification, you are generally expected to provide Form I-134 and supporting documents from your U.S. citizen fiancé(e)/spouse or your fiancé(e)'s/spouse's family stating their responsibility and ability to provide financial support for you and your accompanying children. Form I-134 is included in this mailing. You may also be able to satisfy the public charge provision of the law by presenting documentary evidence that:

1. You have, or will have, personal funds in the United States sufficient to support yourself and your accompanying children, or sufficient to support yourself and your accompanying children until you find employment in the United States;
2. You have arranged employment in the United States that will provide an adequate income for you and your accompanying children;
3. Relatives or friends in the United States who will assure your support; or
4. A combination of the above.

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

Your fiancé(e)/spouse, your fiancé(e)'s/spouse's family, or, in some cases, your own family members in the United States who will provide financial sponsorship for you and your accompanying children should complete Form I-134, Affidavit of Support, included in this packet or available from our office or an office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). A financial sponsor may elect to furnish an affidavit, sworn before a notary public or other official competent to administer an oath, setting forth his or her willingness and financial ability to contribute to your support and detailed reasons for offering you financial sponsorship.

The sponsor's affidavit should include:

1. Information regarding his or her annual income;
2. If applicable, information about his or her other financial resources;
3. The sponsor's existing obligations to support other family members or other persons, if any;
4. Other financial obligations and expenses;
5. Plans and arrangements made to receive and support you;
6. An acknowledgment that the sponsor is aware of his or her responsibilities under the Social Security Act, as amended, and the Food Stamp Act, as amended; that the affidavit will be binding upon the sponsor for three (3) years after entry of the named person; and that the affidavit and supporting documentation may be made available to a public assistance agency. (The provisions of the above laws are contained in Form DS-1858, Sponsor's Financial Responsibility Under the Social Security Act, and printed in Part III of the instructions for Form I-134.)