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October 19, 2016

Dear M^{REDACTED}:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter received in response to Senator ^{REDACTED} inquiry on your behalf. We did want to make available to you the answer provided to us from the Nebraska Service Center in response to your concern.

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact me in the Senator's ^{REDACTED} office.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Constituent Service Representative

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Subject: FW: **REDACTED** 130 EXPEDITE **REDACTED**

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 6:56 AM

To: **REDACTED**

Subject: RE: (**REDACTED**) 130 EXPEDITE **REDACTED**

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Good morning **REDACTED**,

This E-mail message is in reply to your inquiry regarding the Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, which your constituent filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on July 11, 2016.

M **REDACTED** is seeking expedited processing of this petition based on issues caused by Hurricane Mathew in the Bahamas. We cannot send a case for expedite review solely based on country conditions where the beneficiary is residing. We have guidance regarding what can be done in regards to Hurricane Mathew and expediting an I-130 petition is not one of the instances we can assist with.

USCIS offers immigration relief measures that may help people affected by unforeseen circumstances, including natural disasters, such as Hurricane Matthew. These measures may be available on a case by case basis upon request:

- Change of nonimmigrant status or extension of nonimmigrant stay for an individual currently in the United States, even if the request is filed after the authorized period of admission has expired;
- Re-parole of individuals previously granted parole by USCIS;
- Expedited processing of advance parole requests;
- Expedited adjudication of requests for off-campus employment authorization for F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship;
- Expedited adjudication of employment authorization applications, where appropriate;
- Consideration of fee waivers due to an inability to pay;
- Assistance for those who received a Request for Evidence or a Notice of Intent to Deny but were unable to appear for an interview, submit evidence or respond in a timely manner;
- Replacement of lost or damaged immigration or travel documents issued by USCIS, such as a Permanent Resident Card (Green Card);
- Rescheduling of a biometrics appointment.

To learn more about how USCIS provides assistance to customers affected by unforeseen circumstances in their home country or in the United States and how to request these measures, call the National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283 (TDD for the deaf and hard of hearing: 800-767-1833). For more information, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations>.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or need further assistance.

Thank you,

Congressional Liaison Specialist – NSC Congressional Unit
USCIS - Nebraska Service Center