

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks for your service to our nation. Having been a first responder myself, I realize, most of the time, those in uniform receive that credit, but I do realize that those who serve in a civil capacity also make sacrifices on our behalf.

I would also like to apologize for my absence. Upon receiving notification of this appointment, I read that my presence would not be permitted during the interview, and based on that I thought it more prudent to save the funds I would spend on travel, as well as vacation time taken from work, for when my wife, Lord willing, comes to me here.

I have regrettably not traveled to Sri Lanka as much as I would have liked, to spend time with Pam. That has been due to the fact that having had back surgery, I found it intolerable to fly in economy class for such a great distance. On my first trip to see Pam, I came over in economy, but ended up re-booking my return trip in business class. Had traveling in business not proven to be so expensive, I would have certainly made at least a couple more journeys to Sri Lanka. Additionally, I am remodeling the downstairs of our home, and thought that those funds would be better spent towards that end as well.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to consider our application for this visa.