



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

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Dear Mr. Dalal-Dheini:

Thank you for your December 10, 2021 letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requesting that USCIS publicly state we will continue to hold pending petitions or applications dependent on the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program in abeyance beyond calendar year 2021.

As you are aware, statutory authorization for the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program ended at midnight on June 30, 2021. As noted on our website, until further notice, we have held (that is, not acted on) any pending petition or application of affected form types that is dependent on the lapsed statutory authority and that was filed before the end of the statutory authorization. Furthermore, as noted on our website, unless there was new legislation for regional centers, we would reevaluate whether to keep this hold in place at the end of calendar year 2021.

As of the date of this letter, Congress has not enacted new legislation for the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program. In light of the current extended lapse in authorization, USCIS is reevaluating whether to continue to hold affected cases and will provide additional guidance as soon as practicable.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alissa Emmel".

Alissa Emmel
Chief, Immigrant Investor Program Office