

**TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur**  
**OMB Number: 1615-0026**  
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**Reason for Revision:** Comprehensive revision to correlate with revision to Form I-924/I-924A; integration of standard language and formatting;

Current Page Number and Section	Current Text	Proposed Text
Page 1	<b>NOTE: The filing fee is \$1,500. Refer to "What Is the Fee?" on Page 3.</b>	[Delete]
Page 1, What Is the Purpose of Form I-526?	The form is used by an entrepreneur to petition U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for status as an immigrant to the United States under section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. That section of the law pertains to immigrant visas for an investor in a new commercial enterprise.	[Page 1] <b>What Is the Purpose of Form I-526?</b>  The form is used by an entrepreneur to petition U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for status as an immigrant to the United States under section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended.
Page 1, Who May File Form I-526?	You may file this petition for yourself if you have established a new commercial enterprise:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In which you will engage in a managerial or policy- making capacity;</li> <li>2. In which you have invested or are actively in the process of investing the amount required for the area in which the enterprise is located;</li> <li>3. Which will benefit the U.S. economy; and</li> </ol>	[Page 1] <b>Who May File Form I-526?</b>  You may file this petition for yourself <b>if you have invested or are actively in the process of investing the required investment amount in a new commercial enterprise (NCE):</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In which you will engage in a managerial capacity through day-to-day managerial control or policy formulation;</li> <li>2. Which will benefit the U.S. economy; and</li> <li>3. Which will create full-time employment in the United States for at least 10 U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, or other immigrants <b>lawfully</b> authorized to</li> </ol>

	<p>4. Which will create full-time employment in the United States for at least 10 U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or other immigrants authorized to be employed, other than yourself, your spouse, your sons or daughters, or any nonimmigrant aliens.</p> <p>The establishment of a new commercial enterprise may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of a new business;</li> <li>2. Purchase of an existing business with simultaneous or subsequent restructuring or reorganization resulting in a new commercial enterprise; or</li> <li>3. Expansion of an existing business through investment of the amount required, so that a substantial change (at least 40 percent) in either the net worth, number of employees, or both, results.</li> </ol> <p>The amount of investment required in a particular area is set by regulation. Unless adjusted downward for targeted areas or upward for areas of high employment, the amount of investment shall be <b>\$1 million</b>. You may obtain additional information from our Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, or a U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate abroad.</p>	<p>be employed in the United States, other than yourself, your spouse, <b>or</b> your sons or <b>daughters</b>.</p> <p>An NCE may be established by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The formation of a business <b>after November 29, 1990</b>;</li> <li>2. The purchase of a business <b>formed on or before November 29, 1990</b>, and simultaneous or subsequent restructuring or reorganization resulting in <b>an NCE</b>; or</li> <li>3. The expansion of a business formed <b>on or before November 29, 1990, through investment of the amount required</b> so that a substantial change (at least 40 percent <b>increase</b>) in either the net worth or number of employees results.</li> </ol> <p>The amount of investment required is set by regulation. Unless adjusted downward for targeted employment areas, the amount of investment shall be <b>\$1 million</b>. You may obtain additional information from our <b>website</b> at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, or a U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate abroad.</p>
<p><b>Page 1, General Instructions</b></p>		<p>[Page 1]</p> <p><b>General Instructions</b></p> <p>USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS <b>website</b>. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <a href="http://get.adobe.com/reader/">http://get.adobe.com/reader/</a>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask that we mail a</p>

	<p>Each petition must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee.</p> <p><b>Copies.</b> Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application or petition, an ordinary legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required will remain a part of the record, even if the submission was not required.</p>	<p>form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p><b>Signature.</b> Each petition must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this petition, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature.</p> <p><b>Filing Fee.</b> Each petition must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. (See the <b>What Is the Filing Fee</b> section of these <b>Instructions</b>.)</p> <p><b>Evidence.</b> At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the <b>Specific Instructions</b> section of these <b>Instructions</b>.</p> <p><b>Biometric Services Appointment.</b> USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your <b>application, petition, or request</b>. After USCIS receives your petition and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing, if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.</p> <p><b>Copies.</b> You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, your</p>
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	<p><b>Translations.</b> Any document containing a foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation that the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.</p> <p><b>How to Fill Out Form I-526</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type or print legibly in black ink.</li> <li>2. If you need extra space to complete any item, attach a separate sheet; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet of paper; indicate the <b>Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number</b> to which your answer refers; and date and sign each sheet.</li> <li>3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If an item is not applicable or the answer is "none," leave the space blank.</li> </ol>	<p>original documents may remain a part of the record, USCIS will not automatically return them to you, <b>and your original documents may be immediately destroyed upon receipt.</b></p> <p><b>Translations.</b> If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must include the translator's signature. DHS recommends the certification contain the translator's printed name and the date and the translator's contact information.</p> <p><b>How To Fill Out Form I-526</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type or print legibly in black ink.</li> <li>2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this petition, use the space provided in <b>Part 11. Additional Information</b> or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the <b>Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number</b> to which your answer refers, and sign and date each sheet.</li> <li>3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Page 1, General Instructions</b></p>		<p>[Page 3]</p> <p><b>Specific Instructions</b></p> <p><b>Part 1. Information About You</b></p> <p><b>Item Number 1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)</b> (if any). Provide your A-Number. Your A-Number is the</p>

		<p>number used to identify your immigration records. This number may be located on documents you received from USCIS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or the Executive Office for Immigration Review during immigration proceedings in court.</p> <p><b>Item Number 2. USCIS Online Account Number</b> (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.</p> <p><b>Item Number 3. U.S. Social Security Number</b> (if any). Provide your U.S. Social Security number, if you have one.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 4.a. - 4.c. Your Full Name.</b> Provide your full legal name in the spaces provided.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 5.a. - 6.c. Other Names Used</b> (if any). Provide all the names you have used, including maiden name, married names, and nicknames, in the space provided.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 7.a. - 8. Mailing Address.</b> Provide the address where you would like to receive written correspondence regarding your petition. <b>Indicate whether your current mailing address is the same as your physical address.</b></p>
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**4. Page 1, Part 1. Information About You. If you are in the United States, provide the following information:**

**Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record.**

If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued you a Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, provide your I-94 admission number and date that your authorized period of stay expires or expired (as shown on the Form I-94). The I-94 admission number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.

**NOTE:** If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, you may have been issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP, instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP Website at [www.cbp.gov/i94](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP **does not** charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013 with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP Website without charge. If the Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP Website, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. USCIS **does**

**Your Entry Into The United States**

If you are currently in the United States, provide the following information:

**Item Number 26. Date of Arrival.**

Provide the date you arrived in the United States in a month/day/year format.

**Item Numbers 27.a.-27.b. Place of Arrival or Port-of-Entry.** Provide the city/town and state where you arrived in the United States.

**Item Numbers 28.a.-28.b. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record.**

If U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or USCIS issued you a Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, provide your I-94 admission number and date that your authorized period of stay expires or expired (as shown on the Form I-94). The I-94 admission number also is known as the Departure Number on some versions of Form I-94.

**NOTE:** If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, CBP may have issued you an electronic Form I-94 instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP [website](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) at [www.cbp.gov/i94](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP **does not** charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013 with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP [website](http://www.cbp.gov/i94) without charge. If you cannot obtain the Form I-94 from the CBP [website](http://www.cbp.gov/i94), you may do so by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document, with USCIS. USCIS



	<p>charge a fee for this service.</p> <p><b>Passport and Travel Document Numbers.</b> If you used a passport or travel document to travel to the United States, enter either the passport or travel document information in the appropriate space on the form, even if the passport or travel document is currently expired.</p>	<p><b>does</b> charge a fee for this service.</p> <p><b>Item Number s 28.c.-28.e. Passport or Travel Document Numbers.</b> If you used a passport or travel document to request admission to the United States, enter either the passport or travel document information in the appropriate space on the form, even if the passport or travel document is currently expired. Also, provide the name of the country that issued the passport or travel document.</p> <p><b>Item Number 28.f. Passport or Travel Document Expiration.</b> Provide the date your passport or travel document expires or expired in a month/day/year format.</p> <p><b>Item Number 28.g. Current Nonimmigrant Status.</b> Provide your current nonimmigrant status (if applicable).</p> <p><b>Item Number 28.h. Date Current Nonimmigrant Status Expires.</b> Provide the date your current nonimmigrant status expires in a month/day/year format (if applicable).</p>
		<p>[Page 4]</p> <p><b>Part 2. Information About Your Investment</b></p> <p><b>Regional Center (if any)</b></p> <p><b>Item Number 1. Regional Center Association.</b> Indicate whether your investment is associated with <b>an approved</b> regional center.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 2. – 5. Information About The Regional Center.</b> Provide the name of the regional center with which your investment is associated and the regional center’s identification number. Also provide the receipt number for the approved regional center application upon which your petition is based. <b>Finally, provide the NCE</b></p>



		<p>identification number (NCEID) associated with the NCE into which you have invested or are actively in the process of investing, if applicable. USCIS assigns an NCEID to an NCE when it approves a Form I-924 application with an exemplar Form I-526 petition or when it approves the first Form I-526 petition for an NCE. Petitioners can obtain the NCEID from the regional center.</p> <p><b>Petition Type and Required Capital Investment</b></p> <p>You must select one of the following options, and provide the requested information.</p> <p><b>Item Number 6. Targeted Employment Area (TEA).</b> Complete Item Numbers 6.a. - 6.h. to indicate whether your petition is based on an investment in a targeted employment area for which the required amount of capital has been adjusted downward. Specifically, indicate whether the NCE or job creating entity (JCE) is principally doing business in the TEA and note, in each instance, whether the TEA is a rural area or high unemployment area. An NCE or a JCE (or both) is principally doing business in the location where it regularly, systematically, and continuously provides goods or services that support job creation. Provide the address where the NCE or JCE (as applicable) is principally doing business and creating jobs.</p> <p><b>Item Number 7. Upward Adjustment Area.</b> Indicate whether your petition is based on an investment in an area for which the required amount of capital has been adjusted upward.</p> <p><b>Item Number 8. Non-TEA/Non-Upward Adjustment Area.</b> Indicate whether your petition is based on an investment in an area that is neither a targeted employment area nor an upward adjustment area.</p>
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**Composition of Your Investment and Your Income**

You must provide the following information.

**Item Number 9. U.S. Bank Account.**

Indicate the total amount of money you have deposited or committed to deposit in U.S. business account(s) for the NCE, including money placed into escrow with a U.S. or foreign bank. If you have not transferred any funds to a U.S. business account for an NCE, please provide an explanation in **Part 11. Additional Information**.

**Item Number 10. Total Value of Assets Purchased.**

Indicate the total value of all assets purchased for use in the NCE.

**Item Number 11. Total Value of All Property.**

Indicate the total value of all property transferred from abroad for use in the NCE.

**Item Number 12. Total of All Debt**

**Financing.** Indicate the total of all debt financing for which the entrepreneur is personally and primarily liable and which is secured by assets owned by the entrepreneur provided to the NCE. Any indebtedness must be documented with evidence of the entrepreneur's ownership of the assets used to secure the indebtedness, as well as the fair market value of the entrepreneur's ownership interest in such assets.

**Item Number 13. Total Stock or**

**Other Equity.** Indicate the total value of all stock or other equity purchased in the NCE.

**Item Number 14. Other Capital.**

Indicate any other capital invested or in the process of being invested in the NCE. Provide an explanation for such capital in **Part 11. Additional Information**.

		<p><b>Item Numbers 15.-18. Your Income.</b> Indicate the following:</p> <p>Your gross income at the time the investment was made in <b>or committed to the NCE.</b></p> <p>Your net income at the time the investment was made in <b>or committed to the NCE.</b></p> <p>Your current gross income.</p> <p>Your current net income.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 19.-20. Your Net Worth.</b> Indicate the following: Your net worth at the time the investment was made in <b>or committed to the NCE</b>, and your current net worth.</p> <p><b>Item Number 21.a.-21.f. Sources of the Capital You Have Invested.</b> Identify the sources of the capital you have invested or are actively in the process of investing into the NCE. Select all that apply. Provide details in the space provided. If you need additional space, use the space provided in <b>Part 11. Additional Information.</b></p>
		<p><b>[Page 5]</b> <b>Part 3. Information About the New Commercial Enterprise (NCE)</b></p> <p><b>Type of NCE</b></p> <p><b>Item Number 1.a.-1.c.</b> Select only one of the options.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose <b>Item Number 1.a.</b> to indicate that the NCE was formed after November 29, 1990.</li> <li>2. Choose <b>Item Number 1.b.</b> to indicate that the NCE resulted from the purchase of a business formed on or before November 29, 1990, that is restructured or reorganized.</li> <li>3. Choose <b>Item Number 1.c.</b> to indicated that the NCE resulted from a capital investment in and</li> </ol>

		<p>substantial expansion of a business formed on or before November 29, 1990.</p> <p><b>Additional Information About The NCE</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 2 – 5. Name and Location of NCE.</b> Provide the full legal name of the NCE in which you invested or are actively in the process of investing capital. <b>NOTE:</b> This is a required field. Do not leave it blank. Also, provide the U.S. business address and contact information for the NCE, and indicate the type of entity the NCE is organized as (for example, corporation, limited liability company, partnership).</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 6.-8. Nature of Activity and Included Industries.</b> Indicate the nature of the activity engaged in by the NCE (for example, furniture manufacturer). Provide the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for all industries included in the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Number 8. Troubled Business.</b> Indicate whether you have invested or are actively in the process of investing in a troubled business and, if yes, provide an explanation of how the NCE qualifies as a troubled business. Troubled business means a business that has been in existence for at least two years, has incurred a net loss for accounting purposes (determined on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles) during the twelve- or twenty-four month period prior to the priority date on the alien entrepreneur's Form I-526, and the loss for such period is at least equal to twenty percent of the troubled business's net worth prior to such loss. For purposes of determining whether or not the troubled business has been in existence for two years, successors in interest to the troubled business will be deemed to have been in existence for the same period of time as the business they succeeded.</p>
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		<p>[Page 6]</p> <p><b>Part 4. Information About The Job-Creating Entity (JCE)</b> (if different from the NCE)</p> <p><b>Item Number 1.</b> Indicate whether the JCE is different from the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 2. – 5. Name and Location of JCE.</b> Provide the full legal name of the JCE. Also, provide the U.S. address and contact information of the JCE, and the type of entity the JCE is</p>

		<p>organized as (for example, corporation, limited liability company, partnership).</p> <p><b>Item Number 6. -7. Nature of Activity and Included Industries.</b>  Indicate the nature of the activity engaged in by the JCE (for example, furniture manufacturer). Provide the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for all industries included in the JCE.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 8. – 13. Multiple Job Creating Entities.</b> If there is more than one JCE involved in the project, list all other JCEs that are involved in the project, providing the full legal name, U.S. address and contact information of each JCE, as well as the type of entity the JCE is organized as (for example, corporation, limited liability company, partnership), the nature of the activity engaged in by the JCE (for example, furniture manufacturer), and the NAICS codes for all industries included in the JCE.</p>
		<p>[Page 6]</p> <p><b>Part 5. Employment Creation Information</b></p> <p><b>Item Number 1. Your Position.</b>  Indicate what your position, office or title is with the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Number 2. Duties.</b> Describe your duties, activities, and responsibilities in the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Number 3. Salary.</b> Indicate your current salary from the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Number 4. Job Benefits.</b> Indicate the value of the benefits you receive in your current position in the NCE.</p> <p><b>Item Number 5. Full-Time Direct and Qualifying Employees at Initial Investment.</b> Indicate the number of full-time direct and qualifying employees who were working in the NCE at the time of your initial investment. A direct and qualifying</p>

	<p>employee is an individual who provides services or labor for the <b>NCE</b>, who receives wages or other remuneration directly from the <b>NCE</b>, and who is a United States citizen, a lawful permanent resident, or other immigrant lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States, excluding you, your spouse, and your sons and daughters. This definition does not include independent contractors.</p> <p><b>Item Number 6. Current Full-time Direct and Qualifying Employees.</b> Indicate how many full-time direct and qualifying employees are working in the <b>NCE</b> currently.</p> <p><b>Item Number 7. Difference In Number of Full-Time Direct and Qualifying Employees.</b> Subtract the number in <b>Item Number 5</b> from the number in <b>Item Number 6</b> and provide the difference here.</p> <p><b>Item Number 8. Full-Time Positions That Will Be Created.</b> Indicate how many direct full-time positions for qualifying employees will be created by the <b>NCE</b> and, if your petition is based on an investment in a regional center, how many indirect jobs will be created by the <b>NCE</b> or <b>JCE</b> during the relevant time period. Indirect jobs are those that are held outside of the <b>NCE</b> but are created as a result of the <b>NCE</b>.</p> <p><b>Item Number 9. Indirect Job Creation.</b> If the <b>NCE</b> is associated with a regional center, indicate whether the petition relies on indirect job creation demonstrated by an economic model and, if yes, indicate the economic model used in <b>Part 11. Additional Information</b>.</p> <p><b>Item Number 10. Total Investment Made Available to JCE.</b> Indicate the total amount of your capital that has been or will be made available to the <b>JCE</b>.</p> <p><b>Item Number 11. Capital from Non-Petitioning Investors.</b> Indicate the total amount of capital invested into the <b>JCE</b> from investors who have not and will not be filing a Form I-526.</p>
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**Part 6. Processing Information**

**Item Numbers 1.a. – 5.f. Permanent Residence.** Indicate how you will seek lawful permanent resident status by selecting the appropriate box for either immigrant visa processing abroad or an application for adjustment of status. If you intend to seek an immigrant visa abroad, indicate your country of citizenship or nationality and country of current residence. If you are currently in the United States and intend to apply for adjustment of status, indicate the country of your last permanent residence abroad and provide the address and telephone number of your last permanent residence abroad. If your native alphabet is other than Roman letters, write your foreign address in your native alphabet.

**Item Numbers 6. – 9. Immigration Proceedings.** Indicate whether you are in removal, exclusion or deportation proceedings before the Department of Security (DHS) or the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Immigration Court or the Board of Immigration Appeals, and, if so, the location of the proceedings. Also, provide an explanation for why you are in proceedings in **Part 11. Additional Information.** Also indicate whether you are currently subject to a final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal, or subject to reinstatement of such an order.

**Item Numbers 10.-11. Unauthorized Employment.** Indicate whether you have ever worked without proper work authorization while in the United States. Also, provide an explanation for why you worked without proper work authorization in the space provided and, if necessary, in **Part 11. Additional Information.**

		<p>[Page 7]</p> <p><b>Part 7. Information on Petitioner's Spouse and Children.</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 1.a. – 1.c. Full Name.</b> Provide the full legal name of your spouse in the spaces provided. If you do not have a spouse, provide the full legal name of your child, if you have one.</p> <p><b>Item Number 2. Date of Birth.</b> Provide the date of birth for the person in a month/day/year format.</p> <p><b>Item Number 3. Country of Birth.</b> Provide the country where the person was born.</p> <p><b>Item Number 4. Relationship.</b> Indicate the relationship the person has with you (spouse or child).</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 5.-6. Permanent Residence.</b> Indicate whether the person will seek lawful permanent resident status by selecting the appropriate boxes to indicate whether the person will apply for adjustment of status or for an immigrant visa abroad.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> An annotation of a dependent's intention to either apply for adjustment of status or an immigrant visa abroad in <b>Part 7</b> of the Form I-526 is not binding, but should reflect the dependent's intent at the time you file the Form I-526 petition.</p> <p><b>Item Numbers 7.a.-36.</b> These data collections are provided for you to fill out for all of your children. They collect the same information as <b>Item Numbers 1.a.-6.</b></p>
		<p>[Page 8]</p> <p><b>Part 8. Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature of the Petitioner or Authorized Signatory</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: Read the Penalties section of these Instructions before completing</b></p>

		<p><b>Part 8.</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 1. - 8.b.</b> Select the appropriate box in <b>Item Number 1</b> to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you and provide the language the interpreter used. If someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box in <b>Item Number 2</b> indicating that you used a preparer and provide the preparer's name. Further, you must sign and date your petition and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every petition <b>MUST</b> contain the signature of the petitioner (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p>
		<p>[Page 7]</p> <p><b>Part 9. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 1. - 7.b.</b> If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this petition to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the petition.</p>
		<p>[Page 8]</p> <p><b>Part 10. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, if Other Than the Petitioner</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 1. - 8.b.</b> This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your petition, if other than you, the petitioner. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, that person should complete both <b>Part 9.</b> and <b>Part 10.</b> If the person who completed this petition is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete</p>

		<p>the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you <b>complete</b> this <b>petition</b> <b>MUST</b> sign and date the <b>petition</b>. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your <b>petition is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may be obliged to</b> also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your <b>petition</b>.</p>
		<p>[Page 8]</p> <p><b>Part 11. Additional Information</b></p> <p><b>Item Numbers 1.a.-7.d.</b> If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space provided in <b>Part 11. Additional Information</b>. If you need more space than what is provided in <b>Part 11.</b>, you may make copies of <b>Part 11.</b> to complete and file with your petition, or attach a separate sheet of paper. <b>Type or print</b> your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the <b>Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number</b> to which your answer <b>refers, and sign and date each sheet</b>.</p> <p><b>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed petition to review in the future and for your records. We recommend that you review your copy of your completed petition before you come to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC.</b> At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the <b>petition</b> process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your <b>petition</b> is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in good faith at that time, USCIS will require you to return for another appointment.</p>
		<p>[Page 8]</p> <p><b>What Evidence <b>Must</b> You Submit?</b></p> <p>You must submit all evidence requested in these instructions with your <b>petition</b>. If you fail to submit required evidence,</p>

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General Instructions**

**Initial Evidence Requirements**

The following evidence must be filed with your petition:

1. Evidence that you have established a lawful business entity under the laws of the jurisdiction in the United States in which it is located, or, if you have made an investment in an existing business, evidence that your investment has caused a substantial (at least 40 percent) increase in the net worth of the business, the number of employees, or both.

Such evidence shall consist of copies of articles of incorporation, certificate of merger or consolidation, partnership agreement, certificate of limited partnership, joint venture agreement, business trust agreement, or other similar organizational document; a certificate evidencing authority to do business in a State or municipality, or if such is not required, a statement to that effect; or evidence that the required amount of capital was transferred to an existing business resulting in a substantial increase in the net worth or number of employees, or both.

This evidence must be in the form of stock purchase agreements, investment agreements, certified financial reports, payroll records, or other similar instruments, agreements, or documents evidencing the investment and the resulting

USCIS may reject or deny your petition for failure to submit requested evidence or supporting documents in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and these Instructions.

**Evidence to Accompany Petition**

The following evidence must, when applicable, be filed with your petition:

1. **Lawful Business Entity.** Evidence that you have established **or are actively in the process of investing,** a lawful business entity validly formed after November 29, 1990 and validly operating under the laws of the jurisdiction in the United States in which it is located. If you made an investment in a business formed on or before November 29, 1990, you must submit evidence that your investment resulted in a restructuring or reorganization of the business or has caused a substantial (at least 40 percent) increase in the net worth of the business, the number of employees, or both.

Such evidence shall, as applicable, consist of:

- (A) Copies of articles of incorporation, certificate of merger or consolidation, partnership agreement, certificate of limited partnership, joint venture agreement, business trust agreement, or other similar organizational document;
- (B) A certificate evidencing authority to do business in a state or municipality, or if such is not required or issued, a statement to that effect; or

	<p>substantial change.</p> <p>2. Evidence, if applicable, that your enterprise has been established in a targeted employment area. A targeted employment area is defined as a rural area or an area that has experienced high unemployment of at least 150 percent of the national average rate. A rural area is an area not within a metropolitan statistical area or not within the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more.</p> <p>3. Evidence that you have invested or are actively in the process of investing the amount required for the area in which the business is located.</p> <p>Such evidence may include, but need not be limited to, copies of bank statements, evidence of assets that have been purchased for use in the enterprise, evidence of property transferred from abroad for use in the enterprise, evidence of monies transferred or committed to be transferred to the new commercial</p>	<p>(C) Evidence that, as of a date after November 29, 1990, the required amount of capital was transferred to an existing business resulting in a substantial increase in the net worth or number of employees. This evidence must be in the form of stock purchase agreements, investment agreements, certified financial reports, payroll records, or other similar instruments, agreements, or documents evidencing the investment and the resulting substantial change.</p> <p>2. <b>Targeted Employment Area.</b> Evidence, if applicable, that your enterprise has created or will create employment in a targeted employment area. A targeted employment area is defined as an area which, at the time of investment, is a rural area or an area that has experienced an average unemployment rate of at least 150 percent of the national average rate. A rural area is an area not within a metropolitan statistical area and not within the outer boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more.</p> <p>3. <b>Investment.</b> Evidence that you have invested or are actively in the process of investing the required amount of capital.</p> <p>Such evidence may include, but need not be limited to, copies of bank statements showing amounts deposited into the U.S. business accounts for the enterprise, evidence of assets that have been purchased for use in the enterprise, evidence of property transferred from abroad for use in the enterprise, evidence of</p>
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	<p>enterprise in exchange for shares of stock, any loan or mortgage, promissory note, security agreement, or other evidence of borrowing that is secured by assets of the petitioner.</p> <p><b>4. Evidence that capital is obtained through lawful means.</b></p> <p>The petition must be accompanied, as applicable, by: foreign business registration records, tax returns of any kind filed within the last 5 years in or outside the United States, evidence of other sources of capital, or certified copies of any judgment, pending governmental civil or criminal actions, or private civil actions against the petitioner from any court in or outside the United States within the past 15 years.</p> <p><b>5. Evidence that the enterprise will create at least 10 full-time positions for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or aliens lawfully authorized to be employed (except yourself, your spouse, sons or daughters, and any nonimmigrant aliens). Such evidence may consist of copies of relevant tax records, Form I-9s, or other similar documents, if the employees have already been hired, or a business plan showing when such employees will be hired within the next 2 years.</b></p>	<p>monies transferred or committed to be transferred to the <b>NCE</b> in exchange for shares of stock that cannot be redeemed at the holder's request, or any loan or mortgage <b>agreement</b>, promissory note, security agreement, or other evidence of borrowing that is secured by assets owned by the petitioner (other than those of the <b>NCE</b>) and for which the petitioner is personally and primarily liable.</p> <p><b>4. Lawful Capital. Evidence that the capital you invested or are actively in the process of investing</b> was obtained through lawful means. <b>You must include the following documents, as applicable, with your petition:</b> foreign business registration records, tax returns of any kind filed by you or on your behalf within the last five years in or outside the United States, evidence of other sources of capital, or certified copies of any judgments, or evidence of all pending governmental administrative, civil or criminal actions, and any private civil actions (pending or otherwise) involving monetary judgments against the petitioner from any court in or outside the United States within the past 15 years.</p> <p><b>5. Job Creation.</b> Evidence that the enterprise has created or will create at least ten full-time positions for <b>qualifying employees. Qualifying employee means</b> a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or <b>other immigrant</b> lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States. <b>This definition does not include you, your spouse, your sons or daughters, or any nonimmigrant alien.</b> Such evidence must consist of copies of relevant tax records, Form I-9s, or other similar documents, if the employees have already been hired, or a comprehensive business plan</p>
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		<p>showing when such employees will be hired.</p> <p>For cases involving <b>troubled businesses</b>, the petition must be accompanied by evidence that the number of existing employees is being or will be maintained at no less than the pre-investment level for a period of at least two years. Photocopies of tax records, Forms I-9s, or other relevant documents for the qualifying employees and a comprehensive business plan must be submitted.</p> <p>For <b>regional center</b> cases, the full-time positions can be created either directly or indirectly by the <b>NCE</b>. Investors investing in a regional center are subject to all the same program requirements except that they may rely on indirect job creation as demonstrated through reasonable methodologies.</p> <p><b>6. Position and Responsibilities in Enterprise.</b> Evidence that you are or will be engaged in the management of the enterprise, either through the exercise of day-to-day managerial control or through policy formulation. Such evidence must include a statement of your position title and a complete description of your duties, evidence that you are a corporate officer or hold a seat on the board of directors; or, if the <b>NCE</b> is a partnership, either limited or general, evidence that you are engaged in either direct management or policy-making activities. If the petitioner is a limited partner of a limited partnership and the limited partnership agreement provides the petitioner with certain rights, powers, and duties normally granted to limited partners under the Uniform Limited Partnership Act, the</p>
	<p><b>6.</b> Evidence that you are or will be engaged in the management of the enterprise, either through the exercise of day-to-day managerial control or through policy formulation. Such evidence may include a statement of your position title and a complete description of your duties, evidence that you are a corporate officer or hold a seat on the board of directors, or, if the new enterprise is a partnership, evidence that you are engaged in either direct management or policy-making activities.</p>	

		petitioner will be considered sufficiently engaged in the management of the <b>NCE</b> .
<b>Page 1, What Is the Fee?</b>	<p>The filing fee for Form I-526 is <b>\$1,500</b>.</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for Form I-526:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States, and must be payable in U.S. currency; and</li> <li>2. Make the check or money order payable to <b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on the method of payment.</li> </ol>	<p>[Page 9]</p> <p><b>What Is the Filing Fee?</b></p> <p>The filing fee for Form I-526 is <b>\$1,500</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this petition. <b>DO NOT MAIL CASH.</b> You must submit all fees in the exact amount.</p> <p><b>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-526 filing fee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; <b>and</b></li> <li>2. Make the check or money order payable to <b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on the method of payment.</li> </ol> <p><b>Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.</b> If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours and your bank will show it on your regular account statement.</p> <p>You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you</p>

	<p><b>How to Check If the Fees Are Correct</b></p> <p>The form fee on this form is current as of the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit the USCIS Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, select "FORMS," and check the appropriate fee; or</li> <li>2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask for the fee information. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</li> </ol>	<p>authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If USCIS cannot complete the EFT because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer two additional times.</p> <p><b>How To Check If the Fees Are Correct</b></p> <p><b>Form I-526's filing fee</b> is current as of the edition date in the lower <b>left</b> corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify that the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit the USCIS <b>website</b> at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, select "FORMS," and check the appropriate fee; or</li> <li>2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</li> </ol>
<b>Page 3, Where To File?</b>	<p>Please see our Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/I-526">www.uscis.gov/I-526</a> or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> for the most current information about where to file this benefit request. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p>	<p>[Page 10]</p> <p><b>Where To File?</b></p> <p>Please see our <b>website</b> at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/i-526">www.uscis.gov/i-526</a> or call our National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> for the most current information about where to file this petition. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p>
<b>Page 3, Address Changes</b>	<p>You must inform USCIS if you change your address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities because USCIS Lockbox</p>	<p>[Page 10]</p> <p><b>Address Change</b></p> <p>A petitioner who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from <b>his or her</b> previous residence. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities</p>

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<b>Page 3, Processing Information</b>	<p><b>Acceptance</b></p> <p>Any petition that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that it is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the petition. However, a petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p><b>Initial Processing</b></p> <p>Once Form I-526 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form or file it without required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility, and we may deny your Form I-526.</p> <p><b>Request for More Information or Interview</b></p> <p>We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p>	<p>[Page 10]</p> <p><b>Processing Information</b></p> <p>[Deleted]</p> <p><b>Initial Processing.</b> Once USCIS accepts your petition we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this petition, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and USCIS may reject or deny your petition.</p> <p><b>Requests for More Information.</b> We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your petition. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, your original documents may remain a part of the record, USCIS will not automatically return them to you, and your original documents may be immediately destroyed upon receipt.</p> <p><b>Requests for Interview.</b> We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your petition. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p>

	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The decision on Form I-526 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.</p> <p><b>Approval</b></p> <p>If you have established that you qualify for investor status, the petition will be approved. If you have requested that the petition be forwarded to a U.S. Embassy or consulate abroad, the petition will be sent there unless that consulate does not issue immigrant visas. If you are in the United States and state that you will apply for adjustment of status, and the evidence indicates you are not eligible for adjustment, the petition will be sent to a U.S. Embassy or consulate abroad. You will be notified in writing of the approval of the petition and where it has been sent, and the reason for sending it to a place other than the one requested, if applicable.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Petition Approval</b></p> <p>Approval of a petition shows only that you have established that you have made a qualifying investment. It does not guarantee that the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate will issue the immigrant visa. There are other requirements that must be met before a visa can be issued. The U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate will notify you of those requirements. Immigrant status granted based on this petition will be conditional. Two years after entry, you will have to apply for the removal of conditions based on the ongoing nature of the investment.</p> <p><b>Denial</b></p> <p>If you have not established that you qualify for the benefit sought, the petition will be denied. You will be notified in writing of the reasons for the denial.</p>	<p><b>Decision.</b> The decision on Form <b>I-526</b> involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing.</p> <p><b>Deleted</b></p> <p><b>Deleted</b></p> <p><b>Deleted</b></p>
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<p><b>Page 3, USCIS Forms and Information</b></p>	<p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p>As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through USCIS Internet-based system, <b>InfoPass</b>. To access the system, visit USCIS Website. Use the <b>InfoPass</b> appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. <b>InfoPass</b> generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p>	<p>[Page 11]</p> <p><b>USCIS Forms and Information</b></p> <p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this petition, visit the USCIS <b>website</b> at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the Forms Request Line at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>.</p> <p>Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>. Select <b>"Make an Appointment"</b> and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.</p>
		<p>[Page 11]</p> <p>[New]</p> <p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-526, we will deny your Form I-526 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, USCIS Compliance Review and Monitoring</b></p>	<p>By signing this form, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C.1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this form is true and correct. You also have authorized the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to determine eligibility for the benefit you are seeking and consented to USCIS' verification of such information.</p>	<p>[Page 11]</p> <p><b>USCIS Compliance Review and Monitoring</b></p> <p>By signing this <b>petition</b>, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this <b>petition</b> is complete, true, and correct. You also authorize the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to determine <b>your eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking and</b></p>



	<p>The Department of Homeland Security has the right to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking <u>at any time</u>. Our legal right to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1155, 1184, and 8 CFR parts 103, 204, 205, and 214. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case has been decided. Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile or other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections of residences and places of employment; and interviews. Information obtained through verification will be used to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for the benefit sought.</p> <p>Subject to the restrictions under 8 CFR part 103.2(b)(16), you will be provided an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may result from a USCIS compliance review, verification, or site visit after a formal decision is made on your case or after the agency has initiated an adverse action that may result in revocation or termination of an approval.</p>	<p>consent to USCIS verifying such information.</p> <p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has the authority to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS' legal authority to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. sections 1103, 1153, 1154, 1155, and 1357, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, Pub. L. No. 102-395, section 610, 106 Stat 1828, 1874 (1992) (as amended), and 8 CFR Parts 103, 204, 205, and 287. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case is decided.</p> <p>Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile, other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections of residences and locations of employment; and interviews. USCIS will use information obtained through verification to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for an immigration benefit.</p> <p>Subject to the restrictions under 8 CFR 103.2(b)(16), USCIS will provide you with an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may result from a USCIS compliance review, verification, or site visit after a formal decision is made on your case or after the agency has initiated an adverse action which may result in revocation or termination of an approval.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, USCIS Privacy Act Statement</b></p>	<p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et seq.</p>	<p>[Page 12] <b>USCIS Privacy Act Statement</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under Sections 103 and 203(b)(5) of the INA, and Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 103 and 204.</p>



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<p><b>Page 4, Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p>	<p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour and 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination</p>	<p>[Page 12]</p> <p><b>Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p> <p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour and 50 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, <b>gathering the required documentation and information, completing the petition, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the petition.</b> Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including</p>

	<p>Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140. OMB No. 1615-0026.</p> <p><b>Do not mail your completed I-526 application to this address.</b></p>	<p>suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts <b>Avenue</b> NW, Washington, DC 20529- 2140; OMB No. 1615-0026. <b>Do not mail your completed Form I-526 to this address.</b></p>
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