



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

February 9, 2023

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Dear Ms. Dalal-Dheini:

Thank you for writing to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to share your recommendations for increased public engagements. We understand from past engagements that EB-5 stakeholders are advocating for more dialogue, and your feedback is appreciated.

USCIS is committed to conducting regular, meaningful, and accessible public engagement at the national and local community level. Our next national EB-5 stakeholder engagement will be held virtually on March 20, 2023, from 1:30-3:00pm Eastern. Quarterly national engagements are planned through the fiscal year. We anticipate posting responses to frequently asked questions and I-956 form overviews to the USCIS website in the near future.

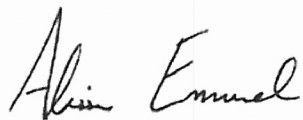
In accordance with EB-5 protocols, issued on April 30, 2015, and Sec. 107 of the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 (RIA), USCIS is committed to transparency in its actions with regard to the EB-5 program. A violation of this principle may occur when meeting with certain stakeholders to the exclusion of others who are similarly situated. As a result, we will continue to hold public stakeholder engagements where there are no prerequisites for participation. You can find more information on the EB-5 protocols on the USCIS website and navigating to the EB-5 resources page¹.

USCIS both welcomes and encourages public input during the rulemaking process. Our May 2022 listening session on rulemaking was extremely helpful in drafting the new rules as prescribed by the RIA. Once published, the public comment period is critical in formulating the final rule. We value hearing your thoughts and concerns.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Please share this response with the other organizations that cosigned your letter. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/permanent-workers/employment-based-immigration-fifth-preference-eb-5/eb-5-resources>

Sincerely,

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Alissa Emmel
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January 23, 2023

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Dear Ms. Dalal-Dheini,

Thank you for your letter dated November 9, 2022, related to previously approved Regional Centers electing to wind-down their operations.

Under the Behring settlement, existing regional centers retained their designation while filing Form I-956, Application for Regional Center Designation, as an amendment. We are evaluating potential solutions that will address the issue of regional center investors' status in the event that the regional center elects not to file the Form I-956 amendment. You may have noticed that USCIS extended the deadline for submitting Form I-956 amendments as required by the Behring settlements and Form I-956G, Regional Center Annual Statement, until USCIS is able to publish clear guidance on the requirements of those Forms.

USCIS is actively developing regulations pursuant to the statute. When the Notice of Proposed Rule Making is published, USCIS encourages those interested to provide feedback through the rulemaking process.

Your letter and a copy of this response will be published on the USCIS Electronic Reading Room pursuant to the communication protocols in the EB-5 Regional Center Reform and Integrity Act of 2022.

Sincerely,

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Alissa Emmel
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