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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Mr. Prakash I. Khatri USCIS Ombudsman Mail Stop: 1225 Washington, DC 20528-1225 Via E-mail to: cisombudsman@dhs.gov

Re: Recommend to publish on a monthly basis the number of nonimmigrant visas issued against the annual numerical limitation on H-1B and H-2B visas under INA Sections 214(g)(1)(A) and (B), including exempted classes that are capped; and to publish such information on a more frequent basis when the numerical cap is projected to be within one month of being reached

Dear Mr. Khatri:

This is in response to your office's recommendation that US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) should publish visa usage information relative to the H-1B and H-2B numerical caps monthly, and publish them more frequently as usage approaches the caps.

USCIS concurs, and in fact has implemented this same idea. We now publish a monthly chart with this information, as well as updated charts on a weekly basis as we approach the caps.

Sincerely, Thent C. Divine

Robert Divine Acting Deputy Director, USCIS

cc: Michael Jackson, Deputy Secretary