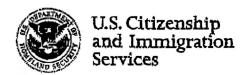
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Honorable Jesse B. Marehalau Ambassador Federated States of Micronesia 1725 N Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ambassador Marehalau,

Thank you for your letter of July 5, 2005 regarding the validity period of employment authorization documents for Micronesian citizens. Your letter has been forwarded to my office for response.

In your letter you requested that employment authorization documents for Micronesians be issued for periods longer than one year. I am pleased to inform you that the Nebraska Service Center, which processes employment authorization documents for Micronesians, has been instructed to begin issuing employment authorization documents valid for four years to nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Carlos E. Itumegui

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