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Edie Pearson, Policy Branch Chief
Immigrant Investor Program Office
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service
Department of Homeland Security
111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20529

RE: USCIS Alert – December 30, 2021, Reevaluating Decision to Hold EB5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program Applications

Dear Chief Pearson:

Invest in the USA (IIUSA) is grateful for the Citizenship and Immigration Service's (USCIS) 2021 post-program lapse policy position not to act on any pending immigrant investor petition or application dependent on the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program (re)authorization.

Although IIUSA's members are primarily regional centers, the association recognizes regional centers are only part of the EB-5 ecosystem and protecting good faith investors is critical to the program's success for regional centers, immigrant investors, and regional and local economies.

Therefore, we respectfully ask USCIS to continue its 2021 policy *not to act* on any pending immigrant investor petition or application dependent on the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Program (re)authorization. We, along with investor advocates and other EB-5 stakeholders, feel assured the Regional Center Program will be reauthorized. We are working assiduously with Capitol Hill staff toward this goal and are confident the public policy discourse will once again support the program and reauthorize its ability to create U.S. jobs.

If you or any of your team has any questions about IIUSA's request or our work with Capitol Hill, please do not hesitate to ask. My e-mail address is aaron.grau@iiousa.org and my mobile number is 412-480-1809.

Sincerely,

Aaron Grau, IIUSA
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