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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

April 5, 2024

Control Number: LIT2023000007

Emma Lewis
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Emma Lewis:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on June 30, 2023, for

1. All email communications sent to any of the following entities, including messages where those individuals/organizations were carbon copied (cc) or blind carbon copied (bcc). This request includes all prior messages (whether incoming or outgoing) reflected in any responsive emails and any attachments to any responsive emails.

a. Any employee or representative of Federation for American Immigration Reform (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in@fairus.org)

b. Any employee or representative of Immigration Reform Law Institute (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in@irli.org)

c. Any employee or representative of Center for Immigration Studies (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in

@cis.org)

d. Any employee or representative of NumbersUSA (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @numbersusa.com)

e. Any employee or representative of The Remembrance Project (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in

@theremembranceproject.org)

f. Any employee or representative of Heritage Foundation (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @heritage.org)

g. Any employee or representative of VDARE (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @vdare.com)

h. Kris Kobach (including but not limited to emails sent to or received from kkobach@gmail.com, kris@kriskobach.com)

2. Any email communications (including emails, email attachments and calendar invitations), handwritten communications, and/or calendar entries involving any person at the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov) regarding the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP).

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American Oversight requests that DHS search the records of the following:

i. Ken Cuccinelli

ii. L. Francis Cissna

iii. Robert Law

iv. Jennifer B. Higgins

v. Joseph Edlow

vi. Mark Koumans

vii. John Lafferty

viii. Ted Kim

ix. Elizabeth Mura

x. Jennifer Rellis

xi. Craig Symons

xii. Lora Ries

xiii. Kathy Nuebal Kovarik

xiv. John Zadrozny

xv. anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Advisor.

We have received a response on an outstanding consult and considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the record set and have applied the FOIA exemptions as required by the statute and the Attorney General's guidance. We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 4 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed is 1 page released in its entirety and 3 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) and (b)(6) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(5) provides protection for inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld under this exemption may consist of documents containing pre-decisional information, documents or other memoranda prepared in contemplation of litigation, or confidential communications between attorney and client.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

This is the final production for this case. All consults are now complete.

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If you have any questions about this production, please contact counsel for USCIS in this matter, Assistant United States Attorney Dedra Curteman at Dedra.Curteman@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Jarrod T Panter
Acting Chief FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit

Enclosure(s)

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From: Veprek, Andrew M
Subject: UPDATED: S 2936/HR 5610 -- Refugee Protection Act of 2019
To: Zadrozny, John A; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG; Edlow, Joseph B; Glabe, Scott
Cc: Morgen, Hunter M. EOP/WHO
Sent: November 27, 2019 9:47 AM (UTC-06:00)
Attached: S 2936 Refugee Protection Act of 2019 text.pdf

More this: Below is a quick-and-dirty take on what it does. No doubt your people will find even more in here, as it looks like a Christmas wish-list for the drafters. Note the Senate sponsors (far below).

Happy Thanksgiving,
Andrew

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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

From: Veprek, Andrew M
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Zadrozny, John A [redacted]>; Wetmore, David H. (ODAG) <[redacted]
Edlow, Joseph B <[redacted]>; Glabe, Scott <[redacted]
Cc: Morgen, Hunter M. EOP/WHO <[redacted]
Subject: S 2936/HR 5610 -- Refugee Protection Act of 2019

(b)(6)

FYI, Senator Leahy introduced this as S 2936 (and Representative Lofgren introduced the House companion, HR 5610). So much to talk about here, but a couple of highlights below.

Andrew

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SEC. 142. NUMERICAL GOALS FOR ANNUAL REFUGEE ADMISSIONS.
Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)—

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(A) by striking paragraph (1);
(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (4) as paragraphs (1) and (6), respectively;
(C) in paragraph (1), as so redesignated—
(i) by inserting (A) before ''Except as provided'';
(ii) by striking ''after fiscal year 1982'';
(iii) by striking ''is justified'' and all that follows through ''interest.'' and inserting ''is—
''(i) justified by humanitarian concerns or otherwise in the national interest; and
''(ii) not less than 95,000.''; and
(iv) by adding at the end the following—
"(B) If the President does not issue a determination under this paragraph before the beginning of a fiscal year, the number of refugees who may be admitted under this section shall be 95,000.
''(2) Each officer of the Federal Government responsible for refugee admissions or refugee resettlement shall treat a determination under paragraph (1) and subsection (b) as the numerical goals for refugee admissions under this section for the applicable fiscal year.'';

SEC. 206. CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEE PROGRAM.
(a) IN GENERAL.—
(1) MINIMUM ANNUAL NUMBER OF CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES. —
In addition to any refugees designated for admission under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157), in each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, not fewer than 100,000 nationals of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras shall be admitted into the United States under this section.

From (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: PRM-PRP Congressional Team; Legal-HRR-DL; PRM-Admissions Office; PRM-PIM; PRM-MEX-CEN
Subject: RE: Refugee Admission Program Legislation Introduced in the Senate and House

Took a bit of calling, but found the Senate version, S 2936

From:
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:00 AM
To:
Cc: PRM-PRP Congressional Team; Legal-HRR-DL; PRM-Admissions Office; PRM-PIM; PRM-MEX-CEN
Subject: RE: Refugee Admission Program Legislation Introduced in the Senate and House

Could you work with H to get copies from SJC and HJC staffs?

Thanks,
Andrew

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From:
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:12 PM
To:; PRM-Admissions Office; PRM-PIM; PRM-MEX-CEN
Cc: PRM-PRP Congressional Team; (b)(6)

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; Legal-HRR-DL <

Subject: Refugee Admission Program Legislation Introduced in the Senate and House
Importance: High

Sen. Leahy (S. 2936) and Rep. Lofgren (HR 5610) have introduced identical bills regarding the refugee and asylum processing and other related issues. Text of the bills is not yet available on the GPO website. Basic info about each bill provided below.

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HR 5210

Sponsor:

Lofgren (D-Calif.)

Official Title:

A bill to provide for the admission and protection of refugees, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable individuals, to provide for the processing of refugees and asylum seekers in the Western Hemisphere, and to modify certain special immigrant visa programs, and for other purposes.

Introduced:

November 21, 2019

Committees:

House Budget, House Foreign Affairs, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means

Cosponsors:

31 Total (31 Democrats)

Castro (D-Texas)	Jayapal (D-Wash.)	Quigley (D-Ill.)
Crow (D-Colo.)	Johnson, H. (D-Ga.)	Raskin (D-Md.)
Dean (D-Pa.)	Khanna (D-Calif.)	Sires (D-N.J.)
DeLauro (D-Conn.)	Lowenthal (D-Calif.)	Smith, Adam (D-Wash.)
DeSaulnier (D-Calif.)	McGovern (D-Mass.)	Swalwell (D-Calif.)
Engel (D-N.Y.)	Nadler (D-N.Y.)	Tlaib (D-Mich.)
Escobar (D-Texas)	Napolitano (D-Calif.)	Visclosky (D-Ind.)
Espaillat (D-N.Y.)	Neguse (D-Colo.)	Watson Coleman (D-N.J.)
Garcia (D-Texas)	Norton (D-D.C.)	Welch (D-Vt.)
Grijalva (D-Ariz.)	Pallone (D-N.J.)	
Higgins, B. (D-N.Y.)	Panetta (D-Calif.)	

Bill Actions

Sort actions by date:

Nov. 21, 2019 — Lofgren, D-Calif., Submits a constitutional authority statement on the legislation. Congressional Record p. H9169

Nov. 21, 2019 — Original cosponsor(s): 31

Castro, (D-Texas)	Jayapal, (D-Wash.)	Quigley, (D-Ill.)
Crow, (D-Colo.)	Johnson, H. (D-Ga.)	Raskin, (D-Md.)
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Visclosky, (D-Ind.)
Watson Coleman, (D-N.J.)
Welch, (D-Vt.)

Nov. 21, 2019 — Read twice and referred to: House Budget, House Foreign Affairs, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.Congressional Record p. H9167

S 2936

Sponsor:

Leahy (D-Vt.)

Official Title:

A bill to provide for the admission and protection of refugees, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable individuals, to provide for the processing of refugees and asylum seekers in the Western Hemisphere, and to modify certain special immigrant visa programs, and for other purposes.

Introduced:

November 21, 2019

Committees:

Senate Judiciary

Cosponsors:

15 Total (14 Democrats, 1 Independent)

Blumenthal (D-Conn.)
Booker (D-N.J.)
Cardin (D-Md.)
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)
Harris, K. (D-Calif.)
Hirono (D-Hawaii)
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)
Markey (D-Mass.)
Merkley (D-Ore.)
Murray (D-Wash.)
Reed, J. (D-R.I.)
Sanders (I-Vt.)
Shaheen (D-N.H.)
Warren (D-Mass.)
Wyden (D-Ore.)

Bill Actions

Sort actions by date:

Nov. 21, 2019 — Original cosponsor(s): 15

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Warren, (D-Mass.)
Wyden, (D-Ore.)

Nov. 21, 2019 — Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.Congressional Record p. S6755

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