

Dear H-1B Holders:

As you likely know, a Presidential Proclamation was issued on June 22 that goes into effect today. I wanted to send you a brief summary of the proclamation (attached) for your review in case you have not yet had the chance to read the proclamation. The proclamation is currently in effect through December 31, 2020 but could be extended or amended at any time.

Of particular importance, note that the proclamation only applies to the entry into the U.S. of any foreign national seeking entry pursuant to certain visa types. It does not affect those who are already in the U.S. on one of the listed visa types or their ability to apply for a change of status to one of the listed visa types or to extend one of the listed visa types from within the U.S. Additionally, it does not apply to any visa type not specifically listed in the proclamation. You are receiving this message to assure you that the Proclamation does not have any immediate effect on your status if you are currently in the U.S.

Note that there are areas of the proclamation that are unclear or open for interpretation and we will be receiving clarification on some of those items in the coming days and weeks. For instance, we don't know how or if the proclamation will impact Canadian citizens who are able to enter the US without visas, nor do we yet have specific details or clarity related to international travel after the effective date for those who hold H-1B or H-4 status. We will provide more information on these items as we receive clarification and further guidance and interpretation. For this reason, **if you have any international travel plans between now and the end of the year, please consult with my office prior to undertaking any such international travel.** Again, we hope to have more clarity on such travel in the near future.

Please contact me should you have any questions related to the proclamation. Thank you.

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