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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Subject: Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program

On December 18, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) created the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program (HFRP). The purpose of this program is to promote family unity and to support Haiti's reconstruction and development.

Certain United States Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents (LPR) who have filed a Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) for a Haitian family member to receive an immigrant visa will receive invitations to apply for the program. Invitations were issued beginning March 2015.

This petition is offered to principal beneficiaries and derivative beneficiaries. The principal beneficiary is the relative for whom the petitioner filed. The derivative beneficiaries are the spouses and unmarried children under age 21 of the principal beneficiary.

Once paroled to the United States, the beneficiary and derivative beneficiaries meet the definition of Cuban/Haitian entrants under section 501(e) (1) of the Refugee Education and Assistance Act of 1980, as amended. The beneficiary and derivative beneficiaries will be issued an electronic I-94 at port of entry. These beneficiaries are "Qualified Aliens" for purposes of Medicaid eligibility. Follow MA-2504 and MA-3330, Alien Requirements to determine eligibility.

Parole allows an individual to be lawfully present in the United States and to apply for work authorization. Once in the United States, these beneficiaries are expected to apply for lawful permanent resident status as soon as their immigrant visa becomes available—generally within two years of being paroled into the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Richard", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dave Richard

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