



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 5, 2025

The Honorable
Suhas Subramanyam
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Subramanyam:

Thank you for your May 7 letter to Secretary Rubio regarding the Department of States's 2024 domestic visa renewal pilot program.

The Department of State is dedicated to protecting our nation and its citizens by maintaining the highest standards of national security in the visa process. National security is our top priority when adjudicating visa applications.

The Department does not intend to implement an H-1B domestic renewal program. Rather, consistent with Executive Order 14161, "Protecting the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats," as of September 2, consular officers will require applicants for most nonimmigrant categories, including H-1B, to apply in person.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Guaglianone".

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