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Dear Ms. Murthy:

Thank you for your July 10, 2007 letter regarding the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) initial decision to reject certain employment-based adjustment of status applications on the basis of the Department of State's (DOS) July 2, 2007 Visa Bulletin (No. 108), which stated that there would be no further employment-based immigrant visa number authorizations issued this fiscal year.

After consulting with DOS, DHS announced on July 17, 2007, that it would immediately accept employment-based applications to adjust status filed by applicants whose priority dates were current under the June 12, 2007, Visa Bulletin (No. 107). Additionally, DOS has withdrawn Visa Bulletin No. 108.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) accepted those applications for a period of 31 days (through August 17, 2007). Applications already properly filed with USCIS were also accepted. Furthermore, USCIS applied the pre-July 30, 2007 fee schedule to applications filed pursuant to Visa Bulletin No. 107.

DHS believes that these actions, taken subsequent to your inquiry, resolve the issues referenced in your letter, and remains committed to working closely with Congress and DOS to implement a more efficient system in line with public expectations. Moreover, DHS remains committed to working closely with Congress to reform our immigration laws and improve our overall legal immigration system. Thank you for raising your concerns to my attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Neufeld".

Donald Neufeld  
Acting Associate Director  
Domestic Operations