

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IMMIGRANT INVESTORS ASSOCIATION, )  
INC., d/b/a INVEST IN THE USA (“IIUSA”) )  
1440 G. St. NW, )  
Washington, D.C. 20005 )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

Case No.:

**1:24-cv-803**

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND )  
IMMIGRATION SERVICES (“USCIS”), )  
5900 Capital Gateway Drive, )  
Camp Springs, MD 20746, )

Defendant. )

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**EXHIBITS TO COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

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VIA EMAIL

March 2, 2023

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**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

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March 3, 2023

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Washington, DC 20003

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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March 3, 2023

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Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from May 15, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

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Control Number: COW2023001388

January 29, 2024

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Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA), which was received in this office on March 2, 2023, requesting reasons for form I-829 requests for evidence (RFE), notices of intent to deny (NOID), and denials from May 15, 2022 thru February 28, 2023.

The information requested pertains to individuals' form I-829 RFE, NOID and denial letters. This documentation is stored within the individuals' Alien files (A-files). As explained below, USCIS is unable to provide these record without consent from each individual.

Additionally, USCIS is unable to provide a report indicating the reasons for RFE, NOID and denials. USCIS' systems do not capture this information.

After carefully considering your request, we must deny it in its entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6).

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.

In order to obtain these records your request must demonstrate one or more of the following criteria:

- Written authorization from the individual(s) permitting disclosure of the records to you, which consists of a written statement from the records' subject(s) stating his/her full name, current address, and date and place of birth. Additionally, the written statement must be signed by the records' subject(s) and the signature must either be notarized or signed under penalty of perjury;
- Proof of parentage with the parent's verification of identity if the subject of record is a minor at the time of the request;
- Proof of court-appointed guardianship with the guardian's verification of identity;
- Proof that the subject(s) of your request is deceased; or
- A clear demonstration that the public interest in disclosure outweighs the personal privacy interest(s) of the individual(s) and that significant public benefit would result from the disclosure of the requested records.

When a FOIA requester seeks information about individuals in personnel, medical, and similar files FOIA Exemption 6 protects from disclosure information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. To determine whether the disclosure of personal information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, Exemption 6 requires the government to balance

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the privacy interests of individuals that would be compromised by disclosure of government records about them against the public interest in release of the records. The only relevant public interest to be considered is the extent to which the requested information sheds light on the agency's performance of its statutory duties. Where the privacy interest outweighs the public, the information is protected from disclosure. In the absence of written authorization permitting disclosure of the records to you, proof that the subject is deceased, or a demonstration of a public interest that would outweigh the subject's privacy interest, you are not entitled to the requested records under the FOIA.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal by mail to USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010, or by email at FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov.

A USCIS FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. USCIS FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency, and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free 877-684-6448; or facsimile 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarrod Panter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



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March 3, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to the reasons for form I-829 requests for evidence (RFE), notices of intent to deny (NOID) and denials from May 15, 2022 thru February 28, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on March 2, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023001388. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

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Sincerely,



Cynthia Munita  
Director, FOIA Operations

**EXH. 5**



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August 1, 2023

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National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
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**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C., et Seq., and C.F.R. 103.8 et Seq., I, Ashley Sanislo Casey, as Director of Education and Professional Development, on behalf of the Invest in the USA ("IIUSA"), am hereby making this request for release of information.

**We respectfully request that you please provide the following:**

1. Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.

We prefer this data to be given in spreadsheet form and below is an example to help convey the data we are requesting and the format for which it should be disseminated:

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Received** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

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We trust you will find the enclosed in order and sufficient to proceed with this request. I respectfully ask that you conduct a search and forward all records you have on file regarding the above referenced matters to our offices at the address noted on the bottom of the first page.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [ashley.casey@iiusa.org](mailto:ashley.casey@iiusa.org) or 202-795-9664. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Ashley Sanislo Casey  
 IIUSA Director of Education & Professional Development





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Control Number: COW2023005250

August 2, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to:

1. Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on August 2, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023005250. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

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Sincerely,



Cynthia Munita

Chief FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit

**EXH. 6**



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August 1, 2023

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National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C., et Seq., and C.F.R. 103.8 et Seq., I, Ashley Sanislo Casey, as Director of Education and Professional Development, on behalf of the Invest in the USA ("IIUSA"), am hereby making this request for release of information.

**We respectfully request that you please provide the following:**

1. Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.

We prefer this data to be given in spreadsheet form and below is an example to help convey the data we are requesting and the format for which it should be disseminated:

Number of **I-526** Petitions **Received** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [ashley.casey@iiusa.org](mailto:ashley.casey@iiusa.org) or 202-795-9664. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Ashley Sanislo Casey  
IIUSA Director of Education & Professional Development



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Control Number: COW2023005255

August 2, 2023

Casey Ashley  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Casey Ashley:

We received your request for information relating to:

TACHED DOCUMENT FOR THE FULL SCOPE OF THE REQUEST. 1. Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on August 2, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023005255. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

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Cynthia Munita

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September 6, 2023

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Ashley Sanislo Casey  
 IIUSA Director of Education & Professional Development



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Control Number: COW2023006076

September 7, 2023

Casey Ashley  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Casey Ashley:

We received your request for information relating to:

1. Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from August 1-31, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on September 6, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023006076. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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Jarrod T Panter

Acting Chief FOIA Officer

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**EXH. 8**





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September 6, 2023

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**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C., et Seq., and C.F.R. 103.8 et Seq., I, Ashley Sanislo Casey, as Director of Education and Professional Development, on behalf of the Invest in the USA ("IIUSA"), am hereby making this request for release of information.

**We respectfully request that you please provide the following:**

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Received** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Sincerely,



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IIUSA Director of Education & Professional Development



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Control Number: COW2023006077

September 7, 2023

Casey Ashley  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Casey Ashley:

We received your request for information relating to:

1. Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from August 1-31, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on September 6, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023006077. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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**EXH. 9**



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**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Control Number: COW2023007578

November 3, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from September 1 through October 31, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on November 3, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023007578. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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November 2, 2023

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Control Number: COW2023007579

November 3, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

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December 5, 2023

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Control Number: OPQ2023000032

December 6, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from November 1-30, 2023.

Your request was received in this office on December 5, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: OPQ2023000032. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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In your request, you seek a fee waiver. Under the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) fee waiver standard, 5 U.S.C § 552 (A)(4)(iii), two requirements must be met prior to a grant of a fee waiver. As stated, documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established, where the requester has demonstrated that:

- (i) disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government; and
- (ii) disclosure is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Since you have not met the necessary requirements for a fee waiver, we are denying your fee waiver request.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010, or by email at FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov.

A USCIS FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. USCIS FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency, and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-

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December 5, 2023

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Control Number: OPQ2023000033

December 6, 2023

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

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**Attention: SENIOR FOIA OFFICER**

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C., et Seq., and C.F.R. 103.8 et Seq., I, Ashley Sanislo Casey, as Director of Education and Professional Development, on behalf of the Invest in the USA ("IIUSA"), am hereby making this request for release of information.

**We respectfully request that you please provide the following:**

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We prefer this data to be given in spreadsheet form and below is an example to help convey the data we are requesting and the format for which it should be disseminated:

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Received** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Approved** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
(Country Name)	#	#	#	#

Number of **I-526E** Petitions **Withdrawn** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

Country of Birth	Rural Area	High Unemployment Area	Infrastructure	Unreserved (including C5, T5, I5, R5)
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We trust you will find the enclosed in order and sufficient to proceed with this request. I respectfully ask that you conduct a search and forward all records you have on file regarding the above referenced matters to our offices at the address noted on the bottom of the first page.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [ashley.casey@iiusa.org](mailto:ashley.casey@iiusa.org) or 202-795-9664. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Ashley Sanislo Casey  
 IIUSA Director of Education & Professional Development





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U.S. Citizenship  
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Control Number: EB52024000010

February 7, 2024

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to the most up-to-date Immigrant Investor Program Office (IPO) EB-5 adjudicator training materials as of the date of this letter.

Your request was received in this office on February 7, 2024. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: EB52024000010. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

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In your request, you seek a fee waiver. Under the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) fee waiver standard, 5 U.S.C § 552 (A)(4)(iii), two requirements must be met prior to a grant of a fee waiver. As stated, documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established, where the requester has demonstrated that:

- (i) disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government; and
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Since you have not met the necessary requirements for a fee waiver, we are denying your fee waiver request.

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February 6, 2024

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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C., et Seq., and C.F.R. 103.8 et Seq., I, Ashley Sanislo Casey, as Director of Education and Professional Development, on behalf of the Invest in the USA ("IIUSA"), am hereby making this request for release of information.

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Number of **I-526** Petitions **Denied** by Country of Birth by Investment Type

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Control Number: EB52024000013

February 8, 2024

Ashley Casey  
80 M Street SE  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ashley Casey:

We received your request for information relating to Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from January 1 through January 31, 2024.

Your request was received in this office on February 7, 2024. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

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**EXH. 17**

## **COW2023001272**

Control Number: COW2023001372

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from May 15, 2022 through February 28, 2023.
Date Submitted	03/02/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	385 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	04/10/2023

## **COW2023001373**

Control Number: COW2023001373

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from May 15, 2022 through February 28, 2023
Date Submitted	03/02/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	386 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	04/10/2023

## **COW2023004787**

## **COW2023004788**

- Partial Denial on 1/29/24 (denial letter)

## **COW2023005250**

Control Number: COW2023005250

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.
Date Submitted	08/02/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	461 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	09/11/2023

Note: This is an estimated date based on average processing times. Availability of records and complexity of request may effect completion date.

## **COW2023005255**

Control Number: COW2023005255

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from July 1-31, 2023.
Date Submitted	08/02/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	464 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	09/11/2023

Note: This is an estimated date based on average processing times. Availability of records and complexity of request may effect completion date.

## **COW2023006076**

Control Number: COW2023006076

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from August 1-31, 2023.
Date Submitted	09/06/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	477 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	10/16/2023

Note: This is an estimated date based on average processing times. Availability of records and complexity of request may effect completion date.

## **COW2023006077**

Control Number: COW2023006077

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from August 1-31, 2023.
Date Submitted	09/06/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	478 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	10/16/2023

## **COW2023007578**

Control Number: COW2023007578

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from September 1 through October 31, 2023.
Date Submitted	11/03/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	509 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	12/14/2023

## **COW2023007579**

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### Request Details

Request Description	1. Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from September 1 through October 31, 2023.
Date Submitted	11/03/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	510 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	12/14/2023

## **OPQ2023000032**

Control Number: OPQ2023000032

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### Request Details

Request Description	PLEASE READ ATTACHED DOCUMENT FOR THE FULL SCOPE OF THIS REQUEST. Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from November 1-30, 2023.
Date Submitted	12/05/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	203 of 213 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	09/09/2026

## **OPQ2023000033**

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Date Submitted	12/05/2023
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	204 of 213 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	09/09/2026



## **COW2024000133**

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526E receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from December 1 through December 31, 2023.
Date Submitted	01/04/2024
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	578 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	02/13/2024

## **COW2024000234**

Control Number: COW2024000134

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from December 1 through December 31, 2023.
Date Submitted	01/04/2024
Request Type	FOIA Request

### Request Status

Place in Queue	579 of 781 pending requests
Status	Files Requested
Estimated Completion Date	02/13/2024

## **EB52024000010**

- Denied on 2.7.24 (Denial in email)

## **EB52024000013**

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### Request Details

Request Description	Form I-526 receipts, approvals, denials, and withdrawals by country of birth by investment type (high unemployment, rural, infrastructure, or unreserved) from January 1 through January 31, 2024.
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Place in Queue	1122 of 1287 pending requests
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