Preparing for Possible Immigration Relief

An immigration relief (or "administrative relief") program has not been announced yet. However, you can start collecting the documents listed below ***now*** because you ***may*** need to provide proof of:

- ☐ **Identity**
  - Birth certificate and a photo identification (ID). Passport, school or military ID, identification document from your country of origin like a *Matricula Consular*, or any U.S. document with your name and photo, like a Driver's License or ID.
- ☐ **Entry to the United States Before a Particular Date**
  - Immigration record or documents with your date of entry, passport with admission stamp (Form I-94/I-95/I-94W), or travel records.
  - You can also use medical records (including immunization record) or school records.
- ☐ **Presence and Residence in the United States From a Particular Date**
  - Proof of presence with dates and addresses using immigration documents, government records, medical records, military records, employment records, religious or community organizations records, insurance policies, tax records, etc.
  - Bank receipts, financial records, credit card receipts, money order receipts, rental agreements, deeds, mortgages, utility bills, club memberships, etc.
- ☐ **Tax Filings**
  - If you do not have copies of your past filings, call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 1-800-908-9946 to order a transcript for free.
  - If you have not filed your taxes, ask for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) by calling 1-800-829-1040 and file them.
- ☐ **Employment History**
  - Record dates, names, and addresses of the places where you have worked.
- ☐ **Possible English Knowledge Requirement**
  - You may have to take a basic English course or exam.
- ☐ **Application Fee**
  - Start saving money for the application fee. (Fee possibly around $465)
  - Also save money in case you need it for an attorney.
- ☐ **Record Keeping**
  - Record all of this information in a notebook, keep the original documents, and store them in a safe place.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

An attorney has to have a license from a state bar association.
Don't believe anyone who tells you that there is already a new immigration relief program in place. Don't trust anyone who says that they can guarantee you a work permit, visa or a green card. If you suspect fraud, report it to your consulate or the police.

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