

UKRAINE IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE Top Immigration Advocacy Initiatives

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CREATE A RE-PAROLE PATHWAY FOR U4U PAROLEES

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Regulatory Action:

Ask DHS/USCIS to create a streamlined process for Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) parolees to apply for<u>re-parole and employment authorization</u>. Only certain Ukrainians who entered the U.S. by August 16, 2023 can apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and even those humanitarian parolees who are granted TPS will still lose their parolee benefits when their parole expires.



EXTEND ESSENTIAL BENEFITS FOR UKRAINIAN PAROLEES

Regulatory Action:

Parolees who arrive after September 30th are not designated to receive critical services and support from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Congress is reviewing the White House's request to re-fund these benefits.

GRANT ADVANCE PAROLE TRAVEL WITH RE-PAROLE

Regulatory Action:

Ask USCIS to grant automatic advance parole travel authorization to Ukrainians who are granted re-parole. <u>Parolees must pay \$575 per person</u> <u>and wait 10+ months for approval to travel abroad</u> to see family members left behind in Ukraine. If they leave the U.S. without advance parole, they will terminate their humanitarian parole and may not be allowed re-entry.



KEEP THE LAUTENBERG PATHWAY OPEN TO REFUGEES

Regulatory Action:

The Lautenberg Amendment provides <u>a lifeline for at-risk religious minorities</u> to resettle in the U.S., but <u>Congress has not renewed the program</u>. For those who already applied while in Ukraine and waited for years, the <u>State</u> <u>Department has been closing their cases</u> after they seek emergency protection in the U.S. and are granted temporary humanitarian parole.



ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO SPONSOR PAROLEES FOR VISAS



Regulatory Action:

Ask USCIS to publish guidance allowing Ukrainian parolees to apply for Adjustment of Status through <u>employment-based immigrant visas</u>, and to consider allowing a Change of Status to <u>nonimmigrant work visas</u>. Currently, parolees are barred from employment-based visas, forcing them to leave newfound stability, benefits, and family in the U.S. to apply from abroad.

