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USCIS

Dear Sirs / Madams,

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The previous request to postpone the interview scheduled for 11 Oct 2023 did not list all the reasons for postponing the interview. As such this document is being submitted to support the request for postponement.

My wife and I have completed all the reservations and paid for all the tickets for our trip to tour Europe and then visit Thailand with us leaving the U.S. on 10 Oct 2023 and returning 25 Dec 2023. The are several purposes of this rather extensive trip. The purposes are:

- 1) Religious obligations. My wife's son, Earth, will be serving as a Buddhist monk for 30 days toward the end of 2023. This is a significant 'once in lifetime' event for Thai young men. Earth is a sergeant in the Thai Army and will be granted leave in order to fulfill this practice. As Earth's parents we have religious obligations to support this practice.
- 2) Familial obligations. As discussed above, we have obligations to support our son.
- 3) Business promotion. During the European part of the trip, we will promote our Schedule C Business, Deep Muscle Tissue Therapy or Traditional Thai Massage.
- 4) Business Education and Training. My wife was certified for traditional Thai Massage, a recognized form of traditional medical care, at a school in Chiang Rai. My wife will visit the school to renew and update her training.
- 5) Leisure. We started planning this trip in February 2023 after we received official notice from USCIS that my wife's N-400 had been approved. We had previously decided that we would celebrate her passing the citizenship tests with a tour of Europe.

The following documents are attached:

- 1) Airline tickets for my wife, her sister, Buakhao, and myself as TktDFW-AMS-BKK-Oct10-Nov9-Dec25rev2309.pdf. Note that these tickets are non-refundable and as such, last minute changes to flights can double the cost of the tickets due to the demand for the limited number of seats available. Depending on the circumstances, changes to the tickets could result in \$5,000 additional charges.
- 2) My wife's Netherlands Schengen (European) visa is attached as RCarrNLDvisa017152184-2023-06-23.pdf. We applied for this visa in early June and while it is valid for multiple entries, if we arrive even a single day later than ticketed the visa will be invalid. The initial use of this visa is only valid for Netherlands centric trips and with the tour we are taking, an Italian visa is required if we arrive later than provided for in the flight tickets. We structured this trip to be Netherlands centric as Italian visas were

exceedingly difficult to get in the U.S.. Buakhao got a similar visa as Italian and Netherlands visas were equally available in Thailand.

3) My wife's tour ticket is attached as rcExpat202314500_E_ticket.pdf. As of the current date, the balance has been fully paid and is not refundable. We have similar tickets for myself and Buakhao.

4) Our room reservations are also required in order to enter the Netherlands and are attached as ibis20231011.pdf and ibis20231108.pdf. Note that these reservations have been paid in full and are non refundable.

5) We are similarly required to have medical insurance for the duration of our European stay. RCinsure691802190216rev2.pdf is my wife's proof of insurance and we have similar policies for myself and Buakhao. The dates match the flight tickets as required.

This trip is complex and of great importance. It is not realistic for us to reschedule our departure as it could be hugely expensive. Further, we began our inquiries as to the required Oath of Allegiance in February 2023. Please see the I-751 final approval which also states that our N-400 has been approved and only the Oath of Allegiance (an administrative function, not really part of the adjudication) remains for full citizenship.

If there was any error in the I-751 approval, USCIS should have sought to correct the error within 30 days (the period where the final decision is appealable). In addition we notified USCIS of our planned trip dates in August (seeking a new A-551 stamp as we will be outside the country when a new stamp would be provided).

Given that USCIS has taken almost eight months to schedule the interview in question and the extensive plans and commitments we have made for our upcoming trip, USCIS must reschedule the interview until after our return on 25 Dec 2023.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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