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September 18, 2018

The Honorable Kristjen M. Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Madam Secretary:

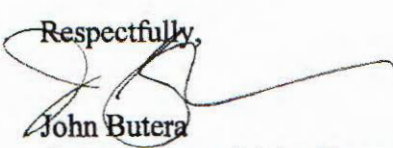
Today I write regarding a submitted expedited request with USCIS, which will assist a Maine company in supporting our nation's defense. Nostromo has a pending application (Form, I-140 Petition for Alien Worker - National Interest Waiver) awaiting review by the Department of Homeland Security. The receipt number for the expedited request is [REDACTED].

We are supportive of Nostromo's efforts seeking to locate in Maine, and we would like to ensure a successful transition to our state. While Maine continues to help improve opportunities for workers and businesses through workforce development, we must also be innovative in attracting professionals who have specific expertise and skills to our state.

Nostromo supports government agencies, such as the DoD, develops cutting-edge, advanced concepts and provides vital services such as engineering, aeronautics and aeroballistics. The critical and timely issue is that Nostromo must have a technical leader in place to help manage, expand and deliver these cutting-edge designs to its customers. The specific expertise qualifications necessary for this position cannot be replicated easily; this is why the company is seeking an expedited request for the National Interest Waiver.

As we continue to address workforce development as a state and nation, we respectfully encourage your assistance on this matter. As a leader in the manufacturing sector, Maine expects the addition of Nostromo to energize the industry, and we look forward to your partnership in ensuring its success.

Respectfully,


John Butera

Commissioner, Maine Department of Labor

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Mr. John Butera
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Dear Mr. Butera:

Thank you for your September 18, 2018 letter. Secretary Nielsen asked that I respond on her behalf.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) greatly values your interest in this matter. We have reviewed your request to expedite the adjudication of the Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker, Form I-140, which Nostromo, LLC filed. However, during the period in which we were considering your request, the Form I-140 was approved within the normal processing timeframe. Further, on October 4, 2018, USCIS forwarded the petition to the U.S. Department of State's (DOS) National Visa Center (NVC). DOS will facilitate the movement of the petition to the United States Consulate, at which the beneficiary will appear for an interview in conjunction with his application for his visa as soon as the Consulate is prepared for that step. Should you wish to inquire regarding the status of the petition, while it is with the NVC, please direct your inquiry to the NVC. Contact information may be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/national-visa-center/nvc-contact-information.html>.

For future reference, expedited requests must be supported by evidence that the request comports with one of seven established criteria. See <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/expedite-criteria>.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Francis Cissna".

L. Francis Cissna
Director