



U.S. Citizenship  
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Services

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Dear Mr. Zogby:

Thank you for your December 5, 2015 letter. Secretary Johnson asked that I respond on his behalf.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is committed to processing Employment Authorization Document (EAD) applications in the most expedient manner possible and will review this matter. We regret that, due to privacy restrictions, we are unable to provide specific processing information about the EADs for the individuals included on the list you provided absent the individuals' written consent or other authorized disclosures pursuant to the *Privacy Act of 1974*, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b). Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check My Case Status Online or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833).

Additionally, information about Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Syria—including guidance on eligibility, the application process, and where to file—is available online at [www.uscis.gov/tps](http://www.uscis.gov/tps). The *Federal Register* notice published on January 5, 2015, contains further details about the extension and redesignation of Syria for TPS, including application requirements and procedures. The notice also contains information about the automatic six-month extension of employment authorization for those with current TPS Syria-based EADs.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. Maya Berry, who co-signed your letter, will receive a separate, identical response. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "León Rodríguez", with a long, sweeping underline.

León Rodríguez