

February 22nd, 2024
Eva A. Millona, Chief
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Dear Chief Millona,

Thank you for your continuing support of stakeholder input as USCIS has considered options for naturalization test redesign. Our Citizenship Test Working Group (subgroup of the Naturalization Working Group) has appreciated the opportunity to engage with the Office of Citizenship, Office of the CIS Ombudsman, and Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties during this process, as well as engaging with the Office of Management and Budget on potential budgetary and logistical impacts of test redesign.

We appreciate that as part of its responsiveness to stakeholder input, USCIS has not moved forward with pilot of the formats and content that have raised concerns. Nonetheless, a high level of fear and uncertainty about potential test changes continue to prevail in the communities our program serves; this will continue until USCIS announces that the current test pilot effort will not proceed. We urge you to clarify for the general public that USCIS is not implementing the changes proposed for field testing in 2023.

We look forward to continuing to offer guidance and support as USCIS seeks to improve the naturalization testing process. We are appending here our groups letter of September 17th, 2021, which included recommendations for strategic policy manual changes and adjudicator training that the agency could implement in 2024 to improve the existing evaluation of English speaking and understanding while retaining the existing format. We hope USCIS will consider adopting these enhancements.

Thank you again for your commitment to a true partnership and engagement with stakeholders during this process.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Velez:

Thank you for your February 22, 2024 letter regarding proposed changes to the naturalization test. We recognize the important points raised by all stakeholders who provided feedback to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on the naturalization test.

Since the initial announcement in the Federal Register of the proposed trial testing of a redesigned naturalization test on December 15, 2022, USCIS conducted multiple engagements with various stakeholders throughout the country, including adult educators, and received feedback and recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman and Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. We have not yet implemented the trial test. As USCIS continues to review, we will continue to administer the naturalization test that is currently administered by USCIS field offices to applicants for naturalization.

USCIS takes stakeholder feedback on all our programs and initiatives seriously and we appreciate the time all organizations took to provide feedback on the trial test. We remain committed to engaging the public to raise awareness about all our work, particularly on naturalization, and will continue these important and targeted outreach efforts.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the USCIS Public Engagement Division by email at public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov.

Respectfully,

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