

Date: 2013-11-05 15:31:26 -0500
To: "Raymond, Brent" <Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>
Subject: RE: Invitation letter for investor
CC: "Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)" <Matthew_Virkstis@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov>, tina harwood <tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com>, Bill Stenger <bstenger@jayepeakresort.com>, Chuck Leamy <cleamy@jayepeakresort.com>
From: "Sussman, Susan (Leahy)" <Susan_Sussman@leahy.senate.gov>

Thanks Brent. And just so you have it, here is the information I will need in order to draft any letters of support from Senator Leahy's office:

- The person's full name, passport number and date of birth;
- A paragraph about the person's current life (career, family relationships, community connections, property or businesses owned);
- What is the purpose of the visit, when is it planned to occur, and for how long?
- Has the person ever applied for a visa before? When? And what was the result?
- If the person has visited the U.S. before, did they make a timely return?
- Has the person ever traveled outside their home country? Where, when and for how long?
- The location of the U.S. consulate where the person will apply for the visa (city, country).
- The date of the visa interview (if already scheduled).

Best regards,

Susan

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From: Raymond, Brent [mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 6:49 PM
To: Sussman, Susan (Leahy)
Cc: Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); tina harwood; Bill Stenger; Chuck Leamy
Subject: RE: Invitation letter for investor

Susan,

Just wanted to follow up and let you know there will be several potential Vietnamese EB-5 investors needing visitor visas as a result of Bill Stenger's and Governor Shumlin's September trip. I'm awaiting information at this time and will be in touch soon.

Best,

Brent

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From: Sussman, Susan (Leahy) [mailto:Susan_Sussman@leahy.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Raymond, Brent
Cc: Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); tina harwood; Bill Stenger; Chuck Leamy
Subject: RE: Invitation letter for investor

Good morning Brent,

I will send you a separate email detailing the information I need in order to draft the letter of support. But I want to be very clear that I think this woman's chance at being granted a visitor visa is a long-shot. It will be helpful to her re-application if she is able to explain why she said that the investment she was going to look at was in California, but there may have been other inconsistencies that I wasn't made privy to.

Just wanted to be clear about this even though I am fine with providing a letter of support.

Sincerely,

Susan

From: Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Sussman, Susan (Leahy)
Cc: Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); tina harwood; Bill Stenger; Chuck Leamy
Subject: RE: Invitation letter for investor

Hi Susan,

A Senator Leahy LOS would be greatly appreciated. Jay Peak, Governor Shumlin and Lawrence Miller will be in Vietnam on Thursday, September 26th and the woman will most likely be in attendance. It would be wonderful if we could provide her a pdf copy of the LOS.

Please let me know if it's feasible to have it available in time. As always, we thank Senator Leahy and staff for support of EB-5 and all else he does on behalf of Vermonters.

Kind regards,

Brent

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From: Sussman, Susan (Leahy) [mailto:Susan_Sussman@leahy.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 5:37 PM
To: Raymond, Brent
Cc: Miller, Lawrence; Kessler, John; Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)
Subject: RE: Invitation letter for investor

Hi Brent,

I wonder if she was able to communicate clearly about who she was meeting with in CA and how that related to the proposed investment in VT? It is certainly up to the applicant whether to try again for her visitor visa and I would be happy to provide a letter of support from Senator Leahy's office if you would like. Of course I have no idea if there were other inconsistencies in her two interviews and whether she would be able to overcome the consulate's credibility concerns. Please understand that a letter of support from Sen. Leahy's office is absolutely no guarantee of success!

Regards,

Susan

From: Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 4:32 PM
To: Sussman, Susan (Leahy)
Cc: Miller, Lawrence; Kessler, John; Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)
Subject: Re: Invitation letter for investor

Susan,

Thank you for your assistance. The Vietnamese connection I've made lives in California. The potential investor would have flown to CA, met up with the investor agent and then flown on to Jay Peak.

Thank you again for looking into this matter.

I was able to contact Ted by phone on Friday, and later ran into him on Church Street.

Kind regards,

Brent

Brent Raymond,

Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment

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On Sep 9, 2013, at 3:45 PM, "Sussman, Susan (Leahy)" <Susan_Sussman@leahy.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Brent,

I was able to get some further information from our liaison at the Department of State's visa office. He indicated that this particular applicant has applied for a business visitor visa twice recently. There was nothing in the notes, nor is our liaison aware of, any policy prohibitions against granting visitor visas for potential EB-5 investors to visit their potential investments. In this particular case, the interviewing consular officer found the applicant less than credible due to inconsistencies in her statements to him. (By the way, is this investment in VT or CA? She stated that the potential investment she was coming to look at was in California.)

It was good to talk with you last week and please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss this or anything else.

Best regards,

Susan

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From: Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 9:38 AM
To: Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)
Cc: Brady, Ted (Leahy); Miller, Lawrence; Kessler, John; Sussman, Susan (Leahy)
Subject: Re: Invitation letter for investor

Matt,

Appreciate an inquiry being made. I'm sure it is because of recent McAuliffe related press. Thank senator Leahy and staff for anything you may be able to do on behalf of the specific investor, as well as consular position in general for what may be many more visa requests.

Thanks,

Brent

Brent Raymond,

Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment

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On Aug 23, 2013, at 9:27 AM, "Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)" <Matthew_Virkstis@Judiciary-dem.senate.gov> wrote:

I can check in to this. Seems like that is not the consular officer's judgment to make. Adding Susan here as well. This may well be related to the inquiry into Greentech/Gulf Coast.

From: Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 09:16 AM
To: Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); Brady, Ted (Leahy)
Cc: Miller, Lawrence <Lawrence.Miller@state.vt.us>; Kessler, John <John.Kessler@state.vt.us>
Subject: Fwd: Invitation letter for investor

Hi Matt and Ted,

Please see attached. Yesterday, the potential investor was denied a visa from U.S. Consulate Ho Chi Min City. Investor was informed that EB-5 was "not an appropriate investment at this time".

This is obviously of concern to the VT EB-5 RC. I developed very strong contacts this past January on behalf of current and future projects. In June, my contacts introduced Bill Stenger, Lawrence Miller and me to Vietnam Consul General located in San Francisco.

The Governor, Lawrence and Bill are scheduled to visit Vietnam in September (during China trip) to speak to interested Vietnamese investors.

Are you able to inquire about circumstances for refusal of this specific investor and general status of EB-5 related business in U.S. Embassy and Consulate, Vietnam?

Regards,

Brent

Brent Raymond,

Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tina Harwood <tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com>
Date: August 23, 2013, 9:04:17 AM EDT
To: "Raymond, Brent" <Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>, "Raymond, Brent" <Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>
Subject: Invitation letter for investor

Please see attached bellow

Tina Harwood

Cell: (408) 307-1663

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Chuck Leamy" <cleamy@jaypeakresort.com>
Date: August 19, 2013, 10:39:08 AM PDT
To: "tina harwood" <tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com>

Cc: "Lizzy Button" <lbutton@jaypeakresort.com>
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Hey Tina;

Please see attached invitation letter from us as per your request. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,

Chuck

Chuck Leamy

Legal Counsel

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