

**Date:** 2013-11-08 17:20:37 -0500  
**To:** 'Sussman, Susan (Leahy)'  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for Business Visa  
**Cc:** 'Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary)'; 'Bill Stenger'  
**From:** "Raymond, Brent" <MAILER-DAEMON>

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Susan,

I'll try to obtain more specifics about exactly what was allegedly said to the applicant.

The reason I'm inclined to believe this is happening is that Becky Fu, my staff, met a Chinese U.S. Consular employee at a trade show in Las Vegas. She followed up with him in preparation of the Governor Shumlin EB-5 mission with Bill in September. He never replied to her email. She eventually called him, and he told Becky that he was happy to see her email, but then saw it was in regards to EB-5 and immediately deleted it without replying. He said "EB-5 was not being encouraged at the Consulate".

On the other hand the Governor, Lawrence and Bill all met with Ambassador Locke in Beijing, and the meeting was good.

Then, a Chinese emigration Agent owner in Shenzhen that sponsored an investor reception for Bill (that the Governor and Lawrence Miller attended and spoke at) invited a Guangzhou consulate official that he'd known for many years. The official said no. The agent was able to get somebody else to attend. It was an American working at the Guangzhou Consulate, a Henry Baker, Economic Officer. The immigration company host introduced that Henry Baker was there. Becky states that he sat for the presentation, listened via his interpreter and as soon as it was done he left. Governor Shumlin even noticed he immediately left without providing the VT delegation an opportunity to say hello.

Again, I'll request more precise details and get back to you by Tuesday. Really appreciate all your help!

Best,

Brent

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**From:** Sussman, Susan (Leahy) [mailto:Susan\_Sussman@leahy.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 4:36 PM  
**To:** Raymond, Brent  
**Cc:** Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); Bill Stenger  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hi Brent. Can you get a little more detail on what exactly was said? The email below is unclear. Did the consular officer imply that a person cannot get a visitor visa to explore an EB5 investment, but has to wait until they are actually coming in to interview for an EB5 visa? Also, have you any idea how many potential investors actually come to visit the potential investment prior to deciding to actually invest?

Thanks,

Susan

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**From:** Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 4:28 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Susan (Leahy)  
**Cc:** Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); Bill Stenger  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hi Susan,

Please see below. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> potential Vietnamese investor who has interviewed in Ho Chi Min City to state this. I know you previously researched and received a different response from the consulate. Just forwarding what we're being told.

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**From:** tina harwood [<mailto:tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 3:17 PM  
**To:** Raymond, Brent  
**Cc:** Bill Stenger; [huan68@gmail.com](mailto:huan68@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hi Brent,

Thank you for letting me know. I will send you the information for all the investors soon. I would need the support letter with my I-526 submit package.

Nhuan Vu's interviewed failed yesterday. The consulate said: "EB5 is not appropriate time right now." I am very concern about this. Please check for me.

I am planning to submit I-526 package for investors, but if consulate in Vietnam still have problem, then it would affect the project.

Please help me to clear the air.

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Have a nice weekend!

Thank you for your help!

Tina

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**From:** "Raymond, Brent" <[Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us](mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us)>  
**To:** tina harwood <[tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com](mailto:tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com)>  
**Cc:** Bill Stenger <[bstenger@jaypeakresort.com](mailto:bstenger@jaypeakresort.com)>; Alexandra MacLean <[alex@asm-strategies.com](mailto:alex@asm-strategies.com)>; Chuck Leamy <[cleamy@jaypeakresort.com](mailto:cleamy@jaypeakresort.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2013 7:52 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hi Tina,

Please see message from Senator Leahy's staff below. I need 3 weeks notice in the future to review and edit what you provide me and then send a couple weeks in advance for his staff. ***Please, always copy Becky Fu on correspondence and provide a date in bold for consulate appointment date.***

Sorry I'll miss you in November but hope to see you soon.

Best,

Brent

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**From:** Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:43 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Thank you. I really appreciate your assistance. May I share your email with the Vietnam agent working for Bill Stenger. I'll be sure to remove your name and contact info. Let me know if you're OK with that.

Best,

Brent

Brent Raymond | Executive Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment

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On Nov 7, 2013, at 5:20 PM,

Hi Brent,

Unfortunately I just saw your email and it's already November 8<sup>th</sup>!! Too late to get the letter reviewed and finalized in time.

But I will get you the other tomorrow. Please understand that a letter of support from Senator Leahy's office for a visitor visa is probably the least important part of her application. Sometimes the consular officer reads the letter of support and often they don't even look at it. I am telling you this so you can have her prepared. Also, having had two recent denials sets up a significant hurdle for her to overcome. As I believe I shared with you before, the consulate didn't find her credible, especially since she couldn't explain where or what investment she was coming to the U.S. to explore. Hopefully she understands it more clearly now and can articulate it, but even so her application will be a long shot. Though I certainly hope to be proven wrong this time!!

Best regards,

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**From:** Raymond, Brent [<mailto:Brent.Raymond@state.vt.us>]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2013 3:09 PM

**To:**

**Cc:** Bill Stenger; Alex MacLean; Chuck Leamy

**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hi Susan,

Attached is required info for 2 investors seeking a visa to visit Bill Stenger's AnC Bio project for due diligence purposes on November 18th and 19th.

The 2nd person is the one I'd originally contacted you about. She has been denied twice, and hasn't scheduled another appointment. She's pending word about whether Senator Leahy will provide an LOS.

The 1st person's interview is on the 8th. I'm very sorry. I hadn't realized it was so soon.

How many days do you need? I'll make that clear to the law firm who is working with the investors on behalf of AnC Bio project.

Again, my apologies for such late communication. I've already explained it's highly unlikely you'll be able to turn around an LOS for an appointment on the 8th.

Kind regards,

Brent

Brent Raymond | Executive Director of International Trade & Foreign Investment

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**From:** Raymond, Brent  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2013 4:38 PM  
**To:** Fu, Becky  
**Cc:** Kim, Junho  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for Business Visa  
**Importance:** High

Becky,

Can you please clean up the attachments and her English and double proof your edits by Thursday afternoon so I may submit info to Senator Leahy's office on Friday?

Senator's office needs the following info. Please make sure all the info is provided. If not, please let me know.

- 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).

Thanks,

brent

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**From:** tina harwood [<mailto:tinaharwood@harwoodlawoffice.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** Raymond, Brent  
**Cc:** Bill Stenger; [huuan68@gmail.com](mailto:huuan68@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Business Visa

Hello Brent,

I have 3 investors who needs the B1 Visa to visit the ANC BIO, the rest of them they already have B1 visa.

At this point, I would need only 1 letter for upcoming interview on the 8th of November. I also need the letter for Oanh Le for re-interview. The rest, I am still waiting to get more information in order for me to provide what Susan require.

Please see attached documents for Investor 1. Vu Quoc Nhuan and investor 2: Oanh Le

The rest of investors, I will send you their information so I can get the support letter from Senator office before I support I-526 package.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Tina Le Harwood

Director of Law Offices of Sterling Harwood & Associates