

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Joseph B. Edlow
Director
US Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20529

Dear Secretary Noem and Director Edlow,

We write to strongly urge you to apply the Department of Homeland Security's new \$1,000 parole fee¹ only to individuals who filed their parole or re-parole applications on or after July 4, 2025, the date the One Big Beautiful Bill Act containing this fee was signed into law.

Among other groups, many Ukrainian nationals participating in the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program are only subject to this fee because of the considerable administrative delays imposed on their re-parole applications by USCIS. In February 2025, Acting Deputy Director of USCIS Andrew Davidson released a memo declaring "an immediate USCIS-wide administrative hold on all pending benefit requests filed by aliens who are or were paroled into the United States under the U4U process," citing the need for additional vetting to prevent "potential fraud." Although the administrative hold recently ended, many U4U beneficiaries remain in limbo.

This lengthy delay means that families who submitted their re-parole applications nearly a year ago are now unfairly subjected to the new \$1,000 fee. The delay has also left many Ukrainians temporarily without legal status, forcing them to cease working and making the \$1,000 fee an even larger burden.

Established in 2022, the U4U program allows vetted Ukrainian families to temporarily shelter in the United States while their countrymen battle against Russia's unprovoked aggression. By forcing unreasonable fees and legal uncertainty onto these families, which will likely result in many being forced to return to their war-torn homes, we are abdicating our responsibility to support our allies in their fight for autonomy and democracy. For these reasons, we urge you to apply the fee only to individuals who submitted their applications on or after July 4, 2025, so that all families, including those participating in U4U, are fairly adjudicated under the rules that were in place when they applied.

¹ <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/10/16/dhs-set-impose-new-fee-illegal-aliens-paroled-us-stop-rampant-abuse-parole-program>

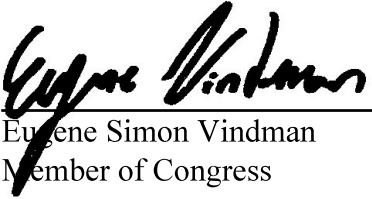
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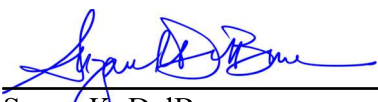
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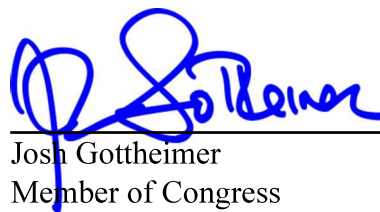
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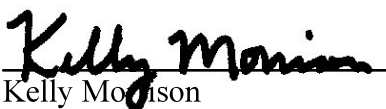
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