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U.S. Immigration
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Mr. Khalid Belkhatir
12205 Holland Place
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043

Dear Mr. Belkhatir:

Thank you for your letter to President Barack Obama regarding the immigration status of your wife, Houda Chaji. Your letter was referred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), within the Department of Homeland Security, for response.

As background, the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a) regulates how Federal agencies may disclose information about U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. DHS Privacy Policy Guidance Memorandum 2007-1 applies the requirements of the Privacy Act to all persons regardless of citizenship. Any DHS release of information about a citizen, permanent resident, or alien therefore must comply with the Privacy Act's disclosure requirements. In this case, for DHS to release to you information about Ms. Chaji, DHS would need Ms. Chaji's written consent. Such consent may be in the form of a personal letter or as a formal request to open his or her records, and must include his or her signature, as well as his or her complete name, alien registration number (also known as A-number), date of birth, and country of birth. Also, in cases that are pending, ICE is precluded from commenting on the matter. Should you still wish further information about Ms. Chaji's case, you may direct future correspondence to the ICE Freedom of Information Act office, at the following address:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICE Freedom of Information Act Office
800 North Capitol Street, NW
5th Floor, Suite 585
Washington, D.C. 20536

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. J. Fandl".

Kevin Fandl
Acting Director