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**American Families United comments on Provisional Unlawful Presence
Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives
Docket No. USCIS-2012-0003**

American Families United is a national organization representing US citizens and permanent residents who have sponsored immediate family for immigration. American Families United is officially submitting these comments in support of USCIS's proposed regulation to provide **Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives.**

This proposed rule would benefit thousands of US citizens whose spouses and children are legally eligible for green cards, preventing the financial and emotional hardship arising from the choice of separation or exile during I-601 waiver processing.

Thus, we urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to approve this proposed regulation without delay.

We also ask you to consider the following minor changes:

- If an immigrant has received notice of an appointment abroad, the visa applicant should have the option to postpone his/her appointment and pursue the waiver from the United States. The existence of the appointment alone should not be a disqualification unless the immigrant is already abroad (which is already covered in the proposed regulation)
- As a practical matter, denial of a provisional waiver is equivalent to a final waiver denial, therefore we recommend that the immigrant applicant be allowed to appeal the decision from within the United States.

Sincerely,

President
American Families United