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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested:

Request for Recognition of a Non-profit Religious, Charitable,

Social Service, or Similar Organization (Form EOIR-31)

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for “sixty days” until [insert the date 60 days from the date this notice is published in the Federal Register]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR § 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Jeff Rosenblum, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 2600, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041; telephone: (703) 305-0470.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- (1) Type of Information Collection: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- (2) Title of the Form/Collection: Request for Recognition of a Non-profit Religious, Charitable, Social Service, or Similar Organization.
- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: EOIR-31. Executive Office for Immigration Review, United States Department of Justice.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Non-profit organizations seeking to be recognized as legal service providers by the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board) of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). Other: None. Abstract: This information collection is necessary to determine whether the organization meets the regulatory and relevant case law requirements for recognition by the Board as a legal service provider, which then would allow its designated representative or representatives to seek full or partial accreditation to practice before EOIR and/or the Department of Homeland Security.
- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated

for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 158 respondents will complete the form annually with an average of 2 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:

There are an estimated 316 total annual burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer,
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