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Dear Mr. Fina:

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) has been designated as a regional center to participate in the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program. As of this date, aliens seeking immigrant visas through the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program may file individual petitions with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) for new commercial enterprises located within the PIDC project area which is delineated by the geographic boundaries which comprise Philadelphia County.

Alien entrepreneurs who file petitions for commercial enterprises located in the PIDC project area must fulfill all of the requirements set forth in 8 CFR 204.6, except that the petition need not show that the new commercial enterprise hired ten new employees as a result of the alien entrepreneur's investment. The petition must contain evidence that the investment will create full-time positions, either directly or indirectly, for not fewer than ten persons, using economically or statistically valid methodologies as described in 8 CFR 204.6(j)(4)(iii), through revenues generated from improved regional productivity, job creation, increased domestic capital investment resulting from the pilot program, or increased exports.

The designation by the Service of the PIDC as a regional center does not reflect any determination by the Service on the merits of individual petitions filed by alien entrepreneurs under the Investor Pilot Program. All petitions for alien entrepreneurs who invest within the regional center will be adjudicated by the Service on a case-by-case basis and each petition must be fully documented. The individual petitions must be submitted to the Texas Service Center.

If you have any questions concerning the PIDC's designation under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, please contact Maurice Berez, Assistant Director, Business and Trade Services, Adjudications Division, at (202) 616-7862.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Cook
Acting Assistant Commissioner
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