



**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

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Dear Ms. Grenier:

Thank you for your August 29, 2024 letter on behalf of American Immigration Lawyers Association, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, Freedom Network USA, and ASISTA Immigration Assistance requesting U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) retroactively reinstate the 04/01/24 edition of the Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status, and provide a grace period during which both the 04/01/24 and 08/28/24 editions can be submitted. Your request emphasized that such a grace period would reduce barriers for victims of trafficking and minimize burdens on USCIS due to form rejections.

USCIS shares your concerns regarding challenges that may arise due to shifting form edition dates and agree that any undue hardships should be mitigated whenever possible. More generally, the concerns you raise are also shared by the Biden administration, as President Biden has directed federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, to eliminate unnecessary burdens in recent Executive Orders.

After receipt of your letter, USCIS updated its website to reflect a 30-day grace period for the acceptance of the 04/01/24 form edition. The Form I-914 landing page indicates that we will continue to accept the 04/01/24 edition (as well as the 08/28/24 edition) of the Form I-914 until September 30, 2024. After that time, USCIS will accept only the 08/28/24 edition. USCIS is unable to extend the grace period for the older edition of the Form I-914 any further, given logistical challenges it would cause for the agency. Additionally, the 08/28/24 edition includes the “Another Gender Identity” field, so applicants who wish to select that field must use the 08/28/24 edition of the form.

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Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ur M. Jaddou", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ur M. Jaddou  
Director