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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

Director, Preclearance

Office of Field Operations

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Expiration of Public Law 111-230 H-1B, L-1 Additional Fees

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On October 1, 2010, President Obama signed the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation for Border Security Act (Act) into law. The law offset certain border security costs and allocated funding to provide for various operations of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The Act increased the worker visa filing fee and the fraud prevention and detection fee which are submitted together with applications for L-1 and H-1B nonimmigrant visas. Specifically, the Act increased the filing fee and fraud prevention and detection fee for L-1 visas by \$2,250.00 for all employers/petitioners that employ 50 or more employees in the U.S. and at least 50 percent of their employees are non-immigrant foreign workers. The Act also increased filing fees and fraud prevention and detection fees for H-1B visas by \$2,000.00 for applicants that employ 50 or more employees in the U.S. and at least 50 percent of their employees are non-immigrant foreign workers.

Effective immediately U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers who are processing first time "L-1" nonimmigrant packets should stop collecting the additional filing fee, fraud prevention and detection fee of \$2, 250.00 that was required under Public Law 111-230 section 402, as amended by Public Law 111-347. The additional fee required by Public Law 111-230, as amended, expired on Sept. 30, 2015.

All other H-1B and L-1 fees, including the Base fee, Fraud Prevention, Detection Fee, and the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA) Fee when applicable, are still required. Petitions with incorrect fees may be rejected by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.

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Summary: Total POE "L-1" Packet Fee Collection	
Form I-129 Filing Fee	\$325.00
Fraud Fee	\$500.00
Form I-94	\$6.00
Total	\$831.00