

# **CONGRESSIONAL CASEWORK**

If you're a resident of California's 51st Congressional District and can't get an answer from a federal agency in a timely fashion, or if you feel you have been treated unfairly, our office may be able to help resolve a problem or get you the information you need. While we cannot guarantee you a favorable outcome, we will do our best to help you receive a fair and timely response to your problem.

### **OPENING CASEWORK**

To begin the casework process, we will need you to complete a privacy release form (PRF). The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that Members of Congress or their staff have written authorization before they can obtain information about an individual's case.

We must have your signature to proceed with this type of request.

Include all pertinent information and claim numbers in your correspondence.

# **MY TEAM CAN**

- Help you communicate an issue with a federal agency
- Request a status update on your case
- Ask that an agency consider or reconsider your case
- Assist you in obtaining basic information from a federal agency

# **MY TEAM CANNOT**

- Force a federal agency to act in your favor
- Require a federal agency to speed up your case
- Provide legal advice or recommend legal representation
- Influence matters involving private business
- Intervene in state, local, or judicial issues

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0553

#### CASEWORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

Signature:	Date:
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First Name:	
Middle Name:	Email:
Last Name:	Home Phone:
Date of Birth:	Mobile Phone:
Social Security #:	Preferred Method of Contact:
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# PREPARATION GUIDE FOR CONSTITUENTS AT RISK OF DEPORTATION

In light of recent events, we encourage constituents who believe they may be at risk of deportation to proactively fill out privacy release forms. This will allow our office to advocate on an individual's behalf as soon as possible in the event of detainment.

### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M A CONSTITUENT?**

You can find out if you are a constituent based off your zip code by scanning the QR code or by visiting the website listed down below:



house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

# CA-51 CASEWORK AUTHORIZATION FORM



This privacy release form authorizes our staff to obtain information about an individual's case. Scan the QR code to access the form on our website.

#### **ICE FORM 60-001**

This privacy waiver authorizes disclosure to a third party and is used by individuals to allow U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to share your information or records with another party – in this case, our office. Scan the QR code to access the form on our website.



Aside from filing out the forms attached to this packet, our office recommends creating a safety plan for you and your family in case of an emergency. Communication with a detained individual may be difficult and access to one's phone is not always guaranteed.

- Identify an emergency contact and memorize their contact information
  - Keep your important documents in a safe place that can be accessed by that person if necessary
- Establish a child care and pet plan
  - Identify a caretaker for your children and/or pets and ensure they have access to all important documents
- Establish a financial plan
  - Consider granting a loved one access to your finances via a power of attorney
- Know Your Rights
  - The U.S. Constitution guarantees basic rights to everyone living in the United States, regardless of immigration status. Scan the QR code to the right for more information.



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# **THE 100-MILE BORDER ZONE**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), including U.S. Border Patrol, has the authority to conduct stops and searches within 100 miles of any U.S. land or coastal border. CBP agents can also board public transportation and establish interior checkpoints to verify individuals' immigration status within this boundary. If you are a U.S. citizen, you do not have to carry documentation. If you are a non-citizen, you are required to.

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

It is important to remain calm if you have an interaction with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or U.S. Border Patrol.

You have the right to remain silent, the right to contact an attorney, and the right to due process. Remember, anything you tell an officer can be later used against you in immigration court.

- Do NOT volunteer any information
- Do NOT show or use any false or fraudulent documentation, including a fake name
- You are NOT required to sign any document without speaking to an attorney. Do not sign a document you do not understand.

# **JUDICIAL VS. ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT**

If ICE visits your home or place of work, ask to see a warrant before you open the door. If an immigration agent wants to show you a warrant, they can show it through the window or slide it under the door.

A judicial warrant is an official court order signed by a judge. This authorizes law enforcement to conduct searches, make arrests, or seize property. The warrant must be signed by a judge and must have your correct name and address on it.

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An administrative warrant is a document issued by a federal agency such as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ICE officers do not have the authority to enter a home without your consent when presenting an administrative warrant. See an example on the right.



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## **COUNTY RESOURCES**

Immigration resources can be found on the County of San Diego's website (sandiegocounty.gov) or by scanning the QR code below.



The County of San Diego also has a legal defense program. Scan the QR code below for more information.



### **STATE RESOURCES**

The Office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta also has immigration resources available. Scan the QR code below for more information.





Contact our caseworkers: sarajacobs.house.gov/help

Contact our San Diego office: (619) 280-5353

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Call or email for appointments

### **International Rescue Committee**

(619) 641-7510 ext. 250

Email: Immigration.SD@rescue.org

### Casa Cornelia Law Center

525 B St Suite 1800, San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 231-7788

Email: Services@CasaCornelia.org

### **Legal Aid Society of San Diego**

110 South Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114 (877) 534-2524

### Casa Familiar

(619) 428-1115

Email: info@casafamiliar.org

#### Alliance for African Assistance

5952 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92115 (619) 286-9052

Email: info@alliance-for-africa.org

### **Immigrant Center for Women and Children**

600 B Street, Suite 2040, San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 515-2200

### Jewish Family Service of San Diego

8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 637-3000

### Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego

4575-B Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, CA 92103 (619) 287-1270