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USCIS Pauses ‘Blank Space’ Rejection Policy

Legal Update

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As a result of litigation in *Vangala v. USCIS* challenging USCIS's blank-space rejection policy, where the agency rejected applications because of blank spaces, USCIS agreed to pause implementation of the rejection policy starting December 24, 2020. According to counsel, the parties will enter negotiations to resolve the claims, including a remedy for proposed class members who have had applications rejected.

Those who received a rejection notice dated after December 24, 2020, can contact plaintiffs' counsel at bspolicy@nwirp.org.

Read the National Immigration Litigation Alliance's "Affirmative Litigation Docket" (scroll to *Vangala v. USCIS*), including summary and legal documents.