

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

CASA DE MARYLAND, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

Civil No. PWG-17-2942

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's February 26, 2021 and April 15, 2021 Orders, ECF Nos. 129, 131, the parties, having conferred, hereby submit the following joint status report:

1. As explained in their April 12, 2021 joint status report, ECF No. 130, the parties have been discussing whether Plaintiffs' anticipated request for attorneys' fees can be resolved without the need for motions practice.

2. Since that filing, Plaintiffs have made a fee demand from Defendants, explaining Plaintiffs' position that they are entitled to a significant award of attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), and that a fee petition for such an award would be timely.

3. Although Defendants maintain their position that there is no legal basis for any award of any attorney's fees in this case, and that any future fee petition under EAJA would be untimely, Defendants are currently preparing a response to Plaintiffs' demand, in the interest of ascertaining whether the matter can be resolved without the need for court involvement.

4. The parties also continue to discuss what Plaintiffs consider to be significant delays in the processing of initial requests for DACA.

5. The parties agree that there is no need for the Court to take any action at this time.

6. Pursuant to the Court's February 26, 2021 Order, the parties will file another joint status report on or before July 12, 2021.

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Respectfully submitted,

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