



### **Executive Order 39**

SUBJECT: Expanding Entry Eligibility Standards and Protective Status on the Immigration Crisis

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the Laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:


**Section 1. *Protected Status.*** The Attorney General shall, in coordination with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and consistent with applicable law, immediately move to reinstate the 2013 Parole In Place (PIP) program for all spouses, parents, and minor children of U.S. citizens and U.S. military members, enlistees and families.

**Section 2. *Expanded Eligibility.*** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall issue guidelines applying discretion to (i) favorably adjudicate waivers for undocumented spouses, parents and minor children of U.S. citizens eligible to obtain legal status if granted a waiver, and (ii) expand existing rules currently allowing spouses, parents and minor children of U.S. citizens to apply for such waivers to spouses and minor children of Permanent Residents.

**Section 3: *Expanded Eligibility.*** The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, shall move to promulgate regulations granting:

- (i) the option for exclusive consideration of the principally employed family applicant on behalf of an entire foreign family eligible for requested visas;
- (ii) Optional Practical Training (OPT) extensions to all foreign graduates of U.S. universities instead of solely STEM students, if such training is pursued through employers enrolled in the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' E-Verify employment eligibility verification program; and
- (iii) employment authorization for all spouses of non-immigrant professionals, extending the right to spouses of H-1s, TNs and O1s, among others.

**Section 4. *General Provisions.*** This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law, and subject to the availability of appropriations, with nothing in this order construed to impair or otherwise affect (i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or (ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

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**Francis J. Vita, President of the United States**