

Client Name:

Date:

**DRAFT Informed Consent Document for Individuals who wish to Travel outside the
United States on Advance Parole**

On _____, I, _____, met with
my lawyer/representative, _____, and we
discussed the following:

1. I am eligible to apply for advance parole with U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).
2. I am aware that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has been engaging in intensive screening of noncitizens seeking to enter the United States. This includes screening for inadmissibility issues relating to crimes, fraud, or immigration violations. It may also include screening for social media postings, including those which are critical of the administration or relate to current events. I am also aware that individuals returning to the U.S. on advance parole are typically referred to secondary inspection, where they may spend several hours waiting to be seen.
3. I understand that I may have fewer rights at a port-of-entry than I would have if I did not depart the United States.
4. My lawyer/representative discussed the **risks** of filing the application. These risks include (check all that apply):
 - ☐ I could be denied entry to the United States.
 - ☐ I could be placed into removal proceedings or I could be subject to expedited removal.

If placed into removal proceedings or the expedited removal process, I could be detained.
5. My lawyer/representative and I discussed the benefits of filing the application. These include:
 - ☐ My personal reasons for wanting to travel outside the United States, including _____
 - ☐ The possibility that travel outside the United States may open more options for obtaining status, including adjustment of status in the future
 - ☐ Other benefits/reasons to proceed: _____
6. I understand that my lawyer/representative cannot guarantee any outcome in my case. We cannot predict with certainty whether USCIS will approve my advance parole application. We also cannot predict with certainty whether or not I will have any issues with CBP upon return. We also cannot predict whether I will be placed in removal proceedings after traveling abroad. Additionally, we cannot predict if I would be

detained, or how much any bond would be. If I am placed into removal proceedings, there is no guarantee that an immigration judge would rule in my favor.

7. I understand that my lawyer/representative is not guaranteeing representation beyond preparing the application for advance parole. Our representation agreement covers only the preparing and filing of an application for advance parole and does not include additional immigration services that may arise from my travel abroad.

I understand the above information. My lawyer/representative has answered any questions that I have about the above information. I understand the risks and benefits of filing an application for advance parole. I choose:

- ☐ To file an application for advance parole with USCIS with the intent of traveling overseas while that advance parole application is still valid.

Articulated reasons: _____

Legal self-defense plan:

- Keep in regular contact with my lawyer/representative, especially if I make specific plans to travel.
- Notify my lawyer/representative immediately of any changes in my life that may affect my application or eligibility for immigration relief (e.g. change in marital status, contact with law enforcement, or becoming a crime-victim).
- Keep my address and phone number current.
- Review know-your-rights materials.
- Plan ahead for possible removal proceedings and bond.
- Other steps: _____

- ☐ Not to file an application for advance parole with USCIS at this time.

Articulated reasons: _____

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