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October 20, 2020

The Honorable Kenneth Cuccinelli
Acting Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20529

Dear Acting Director Cuccinelli:

Thank you for your prompt response to my August 18, 2020 correspondence regarding the closure of the USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) in Grand Junction, Colorado.

I had the opportunity to highlight various reasons USCIS ASC in Grand Junction should remain open in my letter. While I understand your final decision centered on financial and resource constraints, you stated that you were willing to pursue creative solutions to serve applicants in Western Colorado.

I ask you to consider keeping a USCIS ASC office in Grand Junction operating similar to the Wyoming ASC office, which provides office hours one or more times per month. This course of action in Western Colorado will help reduce barriers and difficulties for those going through the application process at USCIS.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet



U.S. Citizenship
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November 18, 2020

The Honorable Michael F. Bennet
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

Thank you for your October 20, 2020 letter regarding the closure of the Application Support Center (ASC) in Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. Cuccinelli asked that I respond on his behalf.

My staff has thoroughly explored a wide range of possible solutions to maintain an ASC in Western Colorado. Unfortunately, none of these alternatives are feasible considering the fiscal constraints under which the agency continues to operate.

The Wyoming ASC referenced in your letter, like all ASCs operating on a limited schedule, is co-located with other Federal Government offices in a General Services Administration-leased building. There are no similarly suitable facilities in Western Colorado that could accommodate a part-time ASC presence at this time.

Please be assured we will continue to engage with federal partners and evaluate resource levels internally to seek a solution that better serves applicants residing in Western Colorado.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the USCIS Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 272-1940.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Edlow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph B. Edlow
Deputy Director for Policy