



SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide supplemental information and context regarding the Immigrant Military Members and Veterans Initiative. During the hearing, I was asked about the number of veterans who sought assistance from DHS and the actions DHS has taken in response to their inquiries. I am providing the following supplemental information to clarify my response, so the committee has complete information about the cases. On February 7, 2022, DHS introduced an online portal for veterans seeking return to the United States. Since the launch of the portal DHS has received 144 inquiries through the portal from veterans who have been removed from the United States.

As of June 21, 2021, DHS received 56 formal applications for parole and assisted 4 individuals return to the United States after their lawful permanent resident status was granted by an IJ. Of the 56 parole requests:

- 16 individuals received humanitarian parole,
 - 4 of whom returned to complete their application for naturalization and are now U.S. citizens;
- 8 individuals were denied their request for humanitarian parole;
- 32 applications for humanitarian parole are pending,
 - All the requests are being actively reviewed by a dedicated team of DHS officers.
 - 3 requests are complete but pending travel coordination.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this supplemental statement. For additional information, please contact Joseph Joh, DHS Office of Legislative Affairs at joseph.joh@hq.dhs.gov.