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Hello,

I wanted to share with you a memo from our Acting General Council to Secretary Castro clarifying HUD's position on the rights of certain noncitizens who are battered or subject to extreme cruelty by a spouse or parent, who is a United States Citizen or lawful permanent resident (LPR), to apply for and receive assistance under Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act. Specifically it clarifies that VAWA self-petitioners can indicate they are in "satisfactory immigration status" when applying for assistance or continued assistance from Section 214-covered housing providers (this includes public and multifamily housing).

The Office of Public and Indian Housing and the Office of Housing are working on a joint notice to further explain HUD's position to covered housing providers.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

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