



EVIDENCE OF EXTREME HARDSHIP IN SUPPORT OF I-601

In order to obtain a waiver of inadmissibility, you must provide evidence that a qualifying family member would experience extreme hardship. A waiver will only be granted in cases where there is evidence of real actual or prospective injury to your United States citizen or lawful permanent resident qualifying relative. Normal outcomes of persons living in different countries such as separation or financial difficulties, in and of themselves, are insufficient to warrant approval of a waiver unless combined with much more extreme impacts. Matter of Ngai, 19 I & N Dec. 245. With this tough legal standard in mind, please furnish a detailed statement regarding the hardship to the US citizen or lawful permanent resident, that would result if the waiver was not granted **as well as** documentary evidence (where appropriate) supporting assertions made in your statement. *Remember that the hardship must be to your qualifying family member - not to you.*

Extreme hardship can be demonstrated in many aspects of your family member's life such as:

- a. **HEALTH** - Ongoing or specialized treatment requirements for a physical or mental condition; availability and quality of such treatment in your country, anticipated duration of the treatment; whether a condition is chronic or acute, or long-or short-term.
- b. **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** - Future employability; loss due to sale of home or business or termination of a professional practice; major decline in standard of living; ability to recoup short-term losses; cost of extraordinary needs such as special education or training for children; cost of care for family members (i.e., elderly and infirm parents who depend on your relative for support).
- c. **EDUCATION** - Loss of opportunity for higher education; lower quality or limited scope of education options; disruption of current program; requirement to be educated in a foreign language or culture with ensuing loss of time for grade; availability of special requirements, such as training programs or internships in specific fields.
- d. **PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS** - Close relatives in the United States and /or your country; separation from spouse/parents/children; ages of involved parties; length of residence and community ties in the United States.
- e. **SPECIAL FACTORS** - Cultural, language, religious, and ethnic obstacles; valid fears of persecution, physical harm, or injury; social ostracism or stigma; access to social institutions or structures.
- f. **OTHER** - Any other situation that you feel may help you meet the burden of demonstrating extreme hardship.