



## **Trump Administration Forecasts Temporary Suspension of Immigration into the U.S.**

**On April 22, 2020, President Trump shared his intention to sign an Executive Order temporarily suspending immigration into the United States. His intention to suspend immigration followed an April 20 tweet indicating he would take action due to COVID-19. Here's what we know as of 4pmET on April 22:**

### **60-Day Pause Proposed on Green Cards**

The executive order *may* result in a 60-day pause, specifically on people seeking permanent resident status in the United States. The administration states that the order **ONLY** addresses green cards because the temporary work visa portion is more complicated and needs more time to develop, noting that many foreign nationals currently in the U.S. on work visas are working in industries related to the pandemic, (e.g. food processing plants, health care). Approximately 459,000 foreign national new arrivals to the U.S. became green card holders in 2019, according to statistics from the Department of Homeland Security.

### **Visa Processing Permitted for Some Temporary Employees**

The order is expected to allow visa processing for some temporary employees in industries including agricultural and seafood as well as other seasonal work visas. Health care workers and other essential employees fighting the pandemic are expected to be exempt from the ban. This proposed immigration ban is expected to affect travel visas for people entering the U.S. from overseas, although no terms have been suggested.

This is a challenging time in many ways. Misinformation and rumors add to the complexity. KPPB LAW continues to monitor all developments regarding the impending immigration policy. The proposals from the federal government is creating a lot of questions for people in current immigration situations. If you require assistance or counsel, please contact our immigration department directly at **571-248-2566** or email **KPPB LAW's Immigration Partner Beeraj Patel** at [bpatel@kppblaw.com](mailto:bpatel@kppblaw.com).

