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EOIR Announces New Privacy Waiver and Records Release Form

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the release of Form EOIR-59, *Certification and Release of Records*.

The form enables current and former respondents who have or had business before EOIR to request or authorize the disclosure of their information, including information retained in case files or a Record of Proceeding, to themselves, an attorney, accredited representative, qualified organization, or other third party. The subject of the record must sign the form where indicated.

Prior to the release of Form EOIR-59, EOIR asked individuals to use <u>Form DOJ-361</u>, <u>Certification of Identity</u> to authorize the agency to release of their records. Although EOIR will still accept the DOJ-361—and other appropriately completed and submitted waivers—the agency encourages parties to use the Form EOIR-59 to prevent delay in record release processing due to missing information.

Form EOIR-59 is available in English, and a Spanish language version is forthcoming. All EOIR forms are available to the public free of charge on EOIR's <u>website</u>.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. EOIR's mission is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all the cases it adjudicates.