

I-130 Petition Evidence — Cover Letter & Exhibit Index

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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RE: Petition for Alien Relative — Form I-130

Petitioner: [PETITIONER FULL NAME, USC OR LPR]

Beneficiary: [BENEFICIARY FULL NAME]

A-Number (if any): [A-NUMBER]

Dear USCIS Officer,

I am submitting this Form I-130 Petition for Alien Relative on behalf of my spouse, [BENEFICIARY FULL NAME], a national of [BENEFICIARY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP]. We were lawfully married on [MARRIAGE DATE] in [MARRIAGE CITY, COUNTRY], and have been continuously married since that date.

Our relationship is bona fide and was not entered into for the purpose of evading United States immigration law. We have shared finances, joint property interests, regular communication and visits, and the support of both families. The exhibits enclosed with this petition document the genuineness and continuity of our marriage.

The following items are enclosed for your review:

Enclosed Forms and Filing Fees

- Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (signed and dated)
- Form I-130A, Supplemental Information for Spouse Beneficiary (signed and dated by beneficiary)
- Filing fee in the amount of \$[CURRENT I-130 FILING FEE — see uscis.gov/i-130] (check or money order payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security")
- Two passport-style color photos of the petitioner (taken within last 30 days)
- Two passport-style color photos of the beneficiary (taken within last 30 days)

Exhibit A — Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residence (Petitioner)

- Copy of U.S. passport biographic page / Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550) / U.S. birth certificate / I-551 Permanent Resident Card (both sides)

Exhibit B — Proof of Marriage

- Certified copy of marriage certificate issued by the civil registrar of **[MARRIAGE JURISDICTION]**
- Certified translation of marriage certificate (if not in English)
- Evidence of termination of any prior marriages (divorce decrees, death certificates) for both petitioner and beneficiary, with certified translations as applicable

Exhibit C — Proof of Bona Fide Marital Relationship

- C-1: Joint financial documents — joint bank account statements (**[NUMBER]** months), joint credit card statements, beneficiary designations on life insurance / 401(k), shared tax returns where applicable
- C-2: Joint property and lease — copy of joint lease or property deed, utility bills in both names, joint home/renters insurance
- C-3: Communication evidence — chronological appendix of **[NUMBER]** pages of WhatsApp / Telegram / Messenger / iMessage conversation excerpts covering the period from **[START DATE]** to **[END DATE]**, with timestamps and senders preserved
- C-4: Photographic evidence — **[NUMBER]** photographs of the couple together, with both families, at events, and in different locations, with date and location captions
- C-5: Travel records — boarding passes, hotel receipts, and passport entry/exit stamps documenting in-person visits
- C-6: Third-party statements — signed affidavits from family members, friends, and clergy confirming the genuineness of the marriage

Exhibit D — Identity Documents (Beneficiary)

- Copy of beneficiary's passport biographic page (clear, complete, valid for at least 6 months past anticipated entry)
- Copy of beneficiary's national ID card (if applicable)
- Certified copy of beneficiary's birth certificate with certified English translation if not originally in English

All photocopies are exact reproductions of the original documents, which remain in our possession and are available upon request. All non-English documents are accompanied by a certificate of translation accuracy signed by a translator competent in both languages, as required by 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(3).

Thank you for your time and consideration of this petition. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please contact me at the telephone number or email address listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

[PETITIONER FULL NAME]

Petitioner

Date: **[DATE]**