

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 8, 2007

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520-0099

Dear Secretary Rice:

We are writing in regard to the unusually long delays in processing passport applications and renewals at the State Department. We ask for your assistance in ameliorating this situation quickly and stand ready to assist you in this endeavor.

We understand that recent changes in Federal law, coupled with the busy summer travel season have led to the current passport processing backlog. However, we are concerned that six months after the change went into effect, the problem of delayed passports has actually gotten worse. The State Department web site states that it is taking up to ten to twelve weeks from the application date to actually receive a passport. Many of our constituents are actually experiencing delays of up to twenty weeks, causing them to change or cancel travel plans and often losing deposits on accommodations or paying for international flights that they are prohibited from taking.

We believe you will agree that the current situation is unacceptable and respectfully request that you take immediate action to remedy the situation. Additionally, if additional resources or changes to law are required to fix the current situation, please contact us.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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