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Subject: FBI Privacy Requirements for Biometrics Collection by USCIS

We are writing to give you more information about how U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) collects and uses your biometrics, such as fingerprints and photographs. Since 2017, USCIS has been transitioning from performing point-in-time screening and vetting checks, to an event-based process known as Continuous Immigration Vetting (CIV). We are explaining your rights related to enrollment in the FBI's continuous vetting process, which checks criminal history records as required by the FBI.

You do not need to take any further action at this time. You will receive a separate notice if USCIS needs any additional information.

Why You Are Receiving This Notice

All applicants whose biometrics are collected for FBI criminal history checks must receive a notice that explains the purpose and routine uses of applicant information under federal law (28 U.S.C. 534). Additionally, applicants must receive notification of their Non-Criminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights (28 C.F.R. § 50.12), which explains how your criminal history records are collected, used, and shared.

Your Rights Under Federal Law

Under 28 C.F.R. § 50.12, you have the following rights:

- **Notification:** You have the right to know that USCIS will use your fingerprints and other biometrics to check criminal history records kept by the FBI.
- **Access and Review:** You may request a copy of your FBI identity record as outlined in 28 CFR 16.32. For more information visit: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/identity-history-summary-checks>.
- **Correction:** If you review your FBI identification record and believe it is wrong or incomplete, you may challenge it and ask for corrections under 28 CFR 16.34. For more information visit: <https://www.edo.cjis.gov/#/>.
- **Use and Sharing:** USCIS will only use your criminal history records for authorized non-criminal justice purposes and will protect them as required by federal law.

For more information about your rights and how USCIS will use your information, see the FBI Privacy Act Notice and the Non-Criminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights Notice links below.

Questions

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the USCIS Contact Center by calling 800-375-5283 or visit <https://www.uscis.gov/tools/meet-emma-our-virtual-assistant>.

For more information related to these notices and your rights, please visit:

- FBI Non-Criminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights Notice
<http://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/guiding-principles-noncriminal-justice-applicants-privacy-rights>
- FBI Privacy Act Statement
<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

Thank you for reviewing this important information.