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RIO is a coalition of grassroots immigrant organizations in Ohio. Its members include Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), Immigrant Workers Project (IWP), Mayan Immigrants Guatemalans (MIGUATE), The Coalition for the Dignity and Rights of Immigrants (CODEDI) and the Guatemalan Committee Pwj'Bill T'bannal affiliated with CODEDI.



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TO THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNITY

RIO would like to let the Guatemalan community know that the Customs and Immigration Service of the US government has granted certain immigration benefits to Guatemalan citizens, who request them, as a result of the natural disasters that have struck Guatemala on May 2010..

USCIS understands that a natural disaster can affect an individual's ability to establish or maintain lawful immigration status. Temporary relief measures available to eligible nationals of Guatemala may include:

- The grant of an application for change or extension of nonimmigrant status on behalf of a Guatemalan national who is currently in the United States, even in cases where the request is submitted after the individual's authorized period of admission has expired;
- Re-parole of individuals granted parole by USCIS;
- Extension of certain grants of advance parole, expedited processing of advance parole requests;
- Expedited adjudication and approval, where possible, of requests for off-campus employment authorization due to severe economic hardship for F-1 students;
- Expedited processing of immigrant petitions for immediate relative(s) of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPRs);
- Expedited issuance of employment authorization where appropriate; and
- Assistance to LPRs stranded overseas without documents in coordination with the Department of State.

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