



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

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Dear Ms. Hill:

This is in response to your June 26, 2016 email request that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provide you with written confirmation that First Nations citizens from Canada are not required to obtain a green card if they wish to work or live in the United States.

For clarification, anyone seeking to benefit from Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) must first establish, by the submission of documentary evidence to the Department of Homeland Security, that he or she meets all statutory requirements of INA § 289, including the 50 percent American Indian blood quantum requirement. An individual who establishes that he or she meets these requirements may live and work in the United States. Moreover, if such an individual also maintains his or her principal residence in the United States since entry, he or she may also request lawful permanent resident status (but is not required to do). See Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations § 289.2.

For additional information, please visit our website at <https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/other-ways-get-green-card/green-card-american-indian-born-canada>. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "León Rodríguez".

León Rodríguez  
Director

