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Dear friend,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you and announce a new service of The Immigration Alliance, the Immigration Practitioner Helpline (IPH). **IPH is an affordably priced technical support service connecting subscribers to immigration attorneys for on-the-spot information for problem solving.**

The driving force behind the installment of this service was to open wider the door of opportunity for ministry and faith-based organizations to engage their communities as recognized organizations of The Department of Justice (DOJ) by providing legal support to low-income, at-risk immigrants. As you may know, the DOJ requires that recognized organizations have “access to adequate knowledge, information, and experience in immigration law and procedure.” Sometimes a staff member of a recognized organization will meet that requirement however, most often, that is not the case. Therefore, it is recommended that organizations enter into an agreement with a person, entity, or network, such as the IPH, that can provide the necessary technical advice to the recognized organization.

Over the summer I had the incredible opportunity of recruiting a team of immigration attorneys that will respond to inquiries IPH receives from subscribers. ***In addition to meeting that requirement of knowledge and experience, these attorneys support –more so, applaud– churches and faith-based organizations ministering to immigrants as DOJ recognized programs.*** Our attorneys operate out of firms based across the country and together are experts in immigration law issues including family based, employment based, removal, asylum, naturalization, and religious worker.

You may be wondering: *How does IPH operate? Is IPH a good fit for my needs and budget? Can I subscribe to IPH?* **For answers to these questions and more, go to theimmigrationalliance.org/helpline or send Abel and email at abel@theimmigrationalliance.org.** (Please allow me to back up and introduce Abel Lopez. Abel recently joined our team as the coordinator for the Immigration Practitioner Helpline.)

I look forward to the many ways that subscribers will benefit from IPH and, more importantly, the life-changes that will occur for the clients of IPH subscribers.

Blessings,

Blaine Derck
Executive Director

PS...Stay tuned with us, we look forward to rolling out a few other great services in 2018!