



VISA:

A pathway to legal status designed by law enforcement to encourage survivors of crimes to come forward and help make all of us safer.

HRI'S U VISA CLIENTS ARE PEOPLE LIKE:

Maria,* who finally escaped her abusive husband with her children after repeated beatings

Norma and Antonio,* whose young child was killed when a drunk driver hit their car

Sara,* who was injured during an attack that killed her close relative

*names changed for anonymity



U-VISA WAIT TIMES



Filed 2014-2015
4 to 5 years



Filed 2016-2018
6 to 8 years



Filed 2019
7 to 10 years

My subjective concern was that if we had not been able to support [the rape survivor], she may well have returned to South Africa and if she had done so, a serious sex offense might have had to have been dismissed."

—District Attorney Bruce Brown,
DA for Summit County, Colorado

"If there are a couple of individuals having a crime spree, we want to catch them. If people are not willing to come to us, crimes will continue and go unfettered. We need help from the entire community to get information we need that will help lead to an arrest. Anything that helps people feel comfortable coming forward is helpful to us."

—Captain Wagner, Charlotte-Mecklenberg Police Department

WHY IS THE SYSTEM BROKEN?



10,000 annual limit means qualified applicants are waiting years for relief



Applications stay pending for years, meaning that survivors can't legally work



Under pressure to close cases, immigration judges are deporting u visa applicants



Survivors of crime are increasingly afraid to come forward, making everyone less safe

HR 4319 IS THE SOLUTION

- Eliminates the 10,000 annual cap
- Lets survivors work while they wait in the backlog
- Prevents deportation before u visa cases are decided