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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Vermont Service Center
75 Lower Welden St.
Saint Albans, Vermont 05479
USA

Re: Permanent Visa Application of **Jussara Tanesi Ramadan**

To Whom It May Concern

As the President of IBRACON (*Brazilian Concrete Institute*) and full Professor at the University of São Paulo, I would like to support Jussara Tanesi Ramadan application for permanent Visa in USA.

I have met Jussara Ramadan in 1996 at University of São Paulo. She was graduated student.

Since then I have followed closely her development and achievements as a concrete researcher. Jussara Ramadan is a recognized researcher with important publications in several countries. She is a dedicated researcher that has contributed significantly in concrete field.

Last March, I had the opportunity to have a technical visit with her at Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center (Virginia, USA) and observe the significance of the research she has been carrying out.

I am sure she will keep helping our researchers to increase the relationships between USA and Brazil, with benefits for both countries in the field of concrete pavements.

I strongly encourage approval of Jussara Ramadan's application.

Sincerely Yours,

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