

Support Letter Template, EB-1 & EB-2 NIW

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When applying for an <u>EB-1</u> or <u>EB-2 NIW visa</u>, a petitioner must demonstrate their extraordinary (EB-1) or exceptional (EB-2) ability. One of the ways that a petitioner can demonstrate their exceptional ability is to provide evidence of "Recognition for your achievements and significant contributions to your industry or field by your peers, government entities, professional or business organizations" (USCIS). ProfVal often refers to support letters from industry peers when seeking to demonstrate this prong of exceptional ability. Letters will often follow this format and will include approximately ¾ to 2 ½ pages of text.

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Overview:

Support letters primarily relate to areas regarding the reference's direct knowledge of the petitioner. For instance, it would be of value to discuss successes directly observed by the reference. When possible, be specific about impact regarding areas of national interest: job creation, increased revenues, safety, health, cultural enrichment, increased tax base, or other areas that could directly benefit the United States. While this is essential for the EB-2 NIW, discussing areas of national interest for the EB-1 can help to make tangible the intangible contributions of a petitioner.

[Company Logo]	
[Reference's position title]	
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Re: _____ Petition for US Permanent Residency

Dear Sir or Madam -

I am writing this letter in support of [Petitioner's Name] petition for permanent residence in the United States of America for the [EB-1 extraordinary ability or EB-2 exceptional ability] visa.

My name is [Author's name]. Describe background briefly to include three or more of the following: academic degrees, years of experience, whether you have licenses, current role, role in relation to petitioner, any major awards. Should be between 1-3 paragraphs.

I have worked with [Petitioner's Name] in the following capacities: [Describe Professional Relationship and the role of the Petitioner. Describe why this role was important within the context of the endeavor

Through these roles, I have witnessed [Petitioner's Name] accomplishments in the areas of [insert areas related to petitioner's endeavor], which relate to [his/her] planned activities within the United States of America. Describe petitioner based on areas such as:

Discuss topics and their impact, ideally with 1-2 paragraphs per topic in ways related to visa category

EB1 (Extraordinary Ability)

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- Evidence of receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence
- Evidence of your membership in associations in the field which demand outstanding achievement of their members
- Evidence of published material about you in professional or major trade publications or other major media
- Evidence that you have been asked to judge the work of others, either individually or on a panel
- Evidence of your original scientific, scholarly, artistic, athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance to the field
- Evidence of your authorship of scholarly articles in professional or major trade publications or other major media
- Evidence that your work has been displayed at artistic exhibitions or showcases
- Evidence of your performance of a leading or critical role in distinguished organizations
- Evidence that you command a high salary or other significantly high remuneration in relation to others in the field
- Evidence of your commercial successes in the performing arts
- EB-2 NIW

EB1 (Professor or researcher)

- Evidence of receipt of major prizes or awards for outstanding achievement
- Evidence of membership in associations that require their members to demonstrate outstanding achievement
- Evidence of published material in professional publications written by others about the alien's work in the academic field
- Evidence of participation, either on a panel or individually, as a judge of the work of others in the same or allied academic field
- Evidence of original scientific or scholarly research contributions in the field
- Evidence of authorship of scholarly books or articles (in scholarly journals with international circulation) in the field

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- Official academic record showing that you have a degree, diploma, certificate, or similar award from a college, university, school, or other institution of learning relating to your area of exceptional ability
- Letters documenting at least 10 years of full-time experience in your occupation
- A license to practice your profession or certification for your profession or occupation
- Evidence that you have commanded a salary or other remuneration for services that demonstrates your exceptional ability
- Membership in a professional association(s)
- Recognition for your achievements and significant contributions to your industry or field by your peers, government entities, professional or business organizations

Other comparable evidence of eligibility is also acceptable.

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Through these roles, I have witnessed [Petitioner's Name] accomplishments in the areas of [insert areas related to petitioner's endeavor], which relate to [his/her] planned activities within the United States of America. Describe petitioner based on areas such as:

When – or timeframe from when to when you have experienced, participated or worked? Where – what company, organization, institution, etc...? What person writing did or does to qualify him/her to write letter? What company or institution or organization does or did? What you did or doing for that company, institution, college, organization? How and Why and how it is helpful to the company, institution, college, etc..? How and Why you have helped....? How and why it could help others?

For accomplishments, it is important to consider their importance and their impact on things like: the company, profits, cost savings, employment, health of the region, volunteerism, areas that the government has identified as important, or other areas of similar importance]

In conclusion, based on [core areas of success] and [other area], I believe [him / her] to be a person of [Extraordinary Ability for EB1, Exceptional Ability for EB-2] who will make considerable contributions to the United States in areas related to [insert domain of expertise].

Sincerely,
[signature]
[Name, Title]