Rep. Cuellar's Language in FY21 Commerce-Justice-Science Funding Bill for Hiring New Immigration Judges

The recommendation includes \$2,000,000 for EOIR's portion of the development of the Unified Immigration Portal with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as well as increased funding for EOIR's Information Technology (IT) modernization efforts, as requested. The recommendation also supports a level of funding that will allow for the continued hiring of immigration judges and teams. While the Committee recognizes EOIR has not requested any additional increase from its authorized position level from fiscal year 2020, EOIR is currently well below this level and the Committee is concerned that proposed funding increases are for positions who will not be on board in fiscal year 2021.

 $Source: \underline{https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/July%209th%20report%20for%20circulation_0.pdf (Pg. 63)$