

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 24,813.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,203.

**6. Title:** Preparer Hardship Waiver Request and Preparer Explanation for Not Filing Electronically.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2200.

*Form Number(s):* 8944 and 8948.

*Abstract:* A tax preparer uses Form 8944 to request a waiver from the requirement to file tax returns on magnetic media when the filing of tax returns on magnetic media would cause a hardship. A specified tax return preparer uses Form 8948 to explain which exception applies when a covered return is prepared and filed on paper.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the forms or burden at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

#### **Form 8944**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 90,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 90,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 719,100 hours.

#### **Form 8948**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 180,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 740,500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 160 hours.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,473,595 hours.

**7. Title:** Longevity Annuity Contracts.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2234.

*Form Number:* Form 1098–Q and TD 9673.

*Abstract:* This collection covers final regulations relating to the use of longevity annuity contracts in tax qualified defined contribution plans under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), section 403(b) plans, individual retirement annuities and accounts (IRAs) under section 408, and eligible governmental plans under section 457(b).

Form 1098–Q is used to comply with the reporting requirements under TD 9673. Any person who issues a contract intended to be a QLAC that is purchased

or held under any plan, annuity, or account described in section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408 (other than a Roth IRA) or eligible governmental plan under section 457(b), must file Form 1098–Q.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions, individuals, or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 8 mins.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 28,529.

**8. Title:** Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO) Forms.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2266.

*Form Name:* Identity Verification Application, Responsible Individual Personal Attestation (RIPA), Certified Professional Employer Organization Application, Form 14751, and Form 8973.

*Regulation Project Number:* TD 9860.

*Abstract:* Section 206 of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act passed Dec. 19, 2014) created the Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO) designation. The application, attestation and supporting information is used by the IRS to qualify professional employer organizations to become and remain a Certified Professional Employer Organization, which entitles them to certain tax benefits. This certification is renewed annually and the CPEO will submit annual and quarterly financial statements in addition to supporting documentation. Responsible individuals will submit annual attestation forms and fingerprint cards. The Identity Verification Application, Responsible Individual Personal Attestation (RIPA), Certified Professional Employer Organization Application, Form 14751, Certified Professional Employer Organization Surety Bond, Form 8973, Certified Professional Employer Organization/Customer Reporting Agreement, and TD 9860, Certified Professional Employer Organizations, will only be used by program applicants and related responsible individuals.

*Current Actions:* There are changes to the existing collection. Form 14737 and Form 14737–A have been replaced by the CPEO online system.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations & Individuals.

#### **Identity Verification Application**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 565.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,141.

#### **Responsible Individual Personal Attestation (RIPA)**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 565.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 22,600.

#### **Certified Professional Employer Organization Application**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 77 hours, 45 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,330.

#### **Form 14751**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 170.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 340.

#### **Form 8973**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 41,350.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 62,025.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

#### **Melody Braswell,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## **U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Open Public Hearing**

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing

in Washington, DC on June 13, 2024 on “China’s Stockpiling and Mobilization Measures for Competition and Conflict.”

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public will be able to attend in person at a location TBD or view a live webcast via the Commission’s website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Visit the Commission’s website for updates to the hearing location or possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to view the hearing online or in person.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202–624–1496, or via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

**ADA Accessibility:** For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at [jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov). Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** This is the sixth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2024 reporting cycle. The hearing will evaluate the Chinese Party-state’s efforts to prepare society for a period of enhanced competition, crisis, or conflict. First, the hearing will examine Chinese leaders’ rhetoric and efforts to instill a siege mentality in the Chinese public. Next, the hearing will examine China’s efforts to materially and financially prepare its economy for a crisis or conflict scenario through efforts to boost domestic production capacity, sanction-proof its economy, and attain self-sufficiency in key sectors. Finally, the hearing will assess the China’s national defense mobilization system and ability to leverage civilian resources during a crisis.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Carte P. Goodwin and Cliff Sims. Any interested party may file a written statement by June 13, 2024 by transmitting it to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as

amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113–291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: May 24, 2024.

**Christopher Fioravante,**  
*Director of Operations and Administration,*  
*U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0881]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Lay/Witness Statement**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0881.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Program-Specific information:** Nancy Kessinger, 202–632–8924, [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov).

**VA PRA information:** Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Lay/Witness Statement (VA Form 21–10210).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0881.  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21–10210 is used by the claimant to gather lay or witness

statements that support an existing claim for benefits/services. Without this information, VA may not be able to efficiently and successfully process claims that may require additional statements associated with a claim for benefits/services. No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 20298, Thursday, March 21, 2024.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 10,767 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.  
**Estimated Number of Respondents:**

64,603 per year.

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 5103, and 5101(a), 38 CFR 3.159 and 3.303, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Maribel Aponte,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0075]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Statement in Support of Claim**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed