Umsögn um 295. mál – Útlendingar (dvalarleyfi)

Til: Allsherjar- og menntamálanefnd Alþingis

Dagsetning: 22. nóvember 2026

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to share my concern and strong opposition to the proposed changes in Bill 295, especially extending permanent residency from four to six years and applying these new rules to applications that have already been submitted.

People like me came to Iceland honestly, following the laws that were in place when we started building our lives here. Many of us work two jobs just to survive and pay the high cost of living. We pay high taxes every month, we raise our children here, we are trying our best to learn Icelandic, and we do everything we can to be good, hardworking members of society.

Making these changes apply backwards to active, pending applications is deeply unfair and inhumane. Families who are already waiting in the system planned their whole lives around the existing rules. Changing the rules in the middle of the process puts huge stress and uncertainty on hardworking parents and children who already call Iceland home.

Please reconsider this bill, stop the retroactive rules from affecting active applications, and treat the people who work hard for this country with fairness and respect.

Sincerely,

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Resident of Njarðvík, Iceland