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**Approval of Application for Renewal of Full Accreditation –
Fernando Mario Ghio**

Dear Somas Hispanas Unidas Silverton,

The Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP) has received your application for renewal of full accreditation for Fernando Mario Ghio as its Accredited Representative under 8 C.F.R. § 1292.12. Based upon our review of the application and the materials submitted, we are satisfied that this individual possesses the character and fitness, broad knowledge and adequate experience in immigration law and procedure, skills for effective litigation, and training related to trial and appellate advocacy that are required to practice before the Immigration Courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, and Department of Homeland Security. Therefore, the application for renewal of full accreditation is approved.

Please note that accreditation of the representative is valid for a period of three years only from the date of this letter. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.12(d). To maintain valid accreditation, your organization would need to submit to OLAP an application for renewal of the representative's accreditation prior to the expiration date. The application for renewal of accreditation must establish that the representative remains eligible for accreditation and has continued to receive formal training in immigration law and procedure (annually with supporting documentation) for the three-year period of the representative's accreditation. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.16(c)(2). Please also note that, as practitioners, whether before DHS or the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Accredited Representatives are subject to and responsible for the Professional Conduct Rules found at 8 C.F.R.

§§ 292.3 *et seq.* and 1003.102 *et seq.* In addition, as a condition of practice as a fully-accredited representative before the Immigration Courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals, Fernando Mario Ghio must register electronically and in person with the Executive Office for Immigration Review. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1292.1(f). Additional information concerning this mandatory registration process is available at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/internet-immigration-info>.

Sincerely,



Steven Lang
Program Director
Office of Legal Access Programs