



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

March 28, 2016

The Honorable James Lankford
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lankford:

On June 8, 2015, you wrote to Secretary Johnson regarding our naturalization test study guide "Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons" and the answer choices for civics test question 51, "What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?" Specifically, you asked that one of the answers be changed from "freedom of worship" to "freedom of religion."

On June 26, 2015, I responded that there were no plans to change the naturalization test or study materials. Upon further consideration, however, we have determined that making this change is feasible because it is a change in terminology rather than an addition or deletion of test content.

We are in the process of revising our test study materials and Web content to reflect the change. Approximately 40 different internal and external Web-based and printed publications will be revised as a result of this decision.

In accordance with agency policy, if the applicant's answer to a civics question is an "alternative phrasing of a correct answer," U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officers will continue to accept both "freedom of religion" and "freedom of worship" as correct answers to question 51 when administering the naturalization test.

We continue to appreciate and share your interest in ensuring that applicants for naturalization learn about this Nation's founding and constitutional principles.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "León Rodríguez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "R".

León Rodríguez
Director