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20-02

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To: BIA Legal Staff  
From: David H. Wetmore, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge  
Date: November 10, 2020

## CASE HOLD LIFTED

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PURPOSE:	Lifting of temporary suspension of adjudication of certain cases
OWNER:	Board of Immigration Appeals
AUTHORITY:	8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(2)(i)(A) and (e)(8)(iii)
CANCELLATION:	BIA 18-04: Case Hold – <i>Negusie</i>

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As the result of the publication of *Matter of Negusie*, 28 I&N Dec. 120 (A.G. 2020), I am lifting the existing hold (temporary suspension of adjudication time limits) on certain cases involving the persecutor bar, whether an involuntariness or duress exists to limit of the bar.

Cases that were placed on hold pursuant to the *Negusie* hold are in the process of being returned for adjudication. If you have questions regarding the circulation of cases with this issue, please see your Senior Panel Attorney or team leader.