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**From:** McCament, James W  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Tait, Karen E; Krebs, Kristie L  
**Cc:** Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Wooden, Janeen R; Button, Maria G (Gemma); Carter, Constance L; Bacon, William H; Valentine, Kimberly A; Solano, Esther A; Patrick, Shirley A (CTR); COSCLEAR; Nasir, Syed A  
**Subject:** RE: Updates on Executive Congressional Correspondence, Authorization Reports, and Appropriations Reports - January 23, 2017

Thank you very much Karen,

James

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**From:** Tait, Karen E  
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**To:** McCament, James W; Krebs, Kristie L  
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**Subject:** Updates on Executive Congressional Correspondence, Authorization Reports, and Appropriations Reports - January 23, 2017

Good morning James and Kristie,

Today's updates on Executive Congressional Correspondence, Authorization Reports, and Appropriations Reports are below.


Please let me know if you have any questions.


Thank you,


Karen


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**Executive Congressional Correspondence**  
**(Corresponds to Stoplight Report of January 18, 2017, 11:00 a.m.)**

**Item#1**  **COMPLETE – (With ICE for signature and transmission as of 1/18/17.)**  
**NY Terror Attack – SJC Grassley to SI, requesting A-file for  plotted alleged terror attack on Times Square, NY, WF 1135671**


**Item#2**  **COMPLETE – DHS COS approved letter to be signed by AS/OLA advising to write the next Administration.**  
**Green Cards – SJC Grassley to SI, regarding green cards issued with incorrect information, WF 1136155**


**Item#3**  **COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration.**  
**B-Visa – SJC Grassley to SI, DOJ, DOL, & DOS, requesting information regarding allegations of B-2 visa program abuse, WF 1133328**


Item#4  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. OSU – *Rep. Chaffetz to SI*, requesting A-files for Abdul Artan and his parents – OSU Attacker, WF 1135622


Item#5  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. OSU – *HJC Goodlatte to SI*, requesting A-files for Abdul Artan and his parents – OSU Attacker, WF 1135666


**Update:** No change since 12/28/16. Mother's A-file is with OGC (Eric Columbus) for review as of 12/28/16. EXSO requested status update from Eric and OGC ExecSec on the mother's A-file; response pending.

Item#6  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. OSU – *Chm. Grassley to SI*, now requesting A-files for not just Abdul Artan, but also his parents and siblings – OSU Attacker, WF 1136274

Item#7  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. Visas/Flight Training – *Chm. Grassley to SI and DOT/FAA*, requesting information on Feras M. Freitekh, allegedly responsible for airplane crash in Connecticut, WF 1136470

Item#8  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. U Visas – *Chm. Goodlatte and Grassley to SI*, regarding U Visas, WF 1136511

Item#9  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. Asylum – *Sen. Shaheen to SI*, regarding asylum application status, WF 1136533

Item#10  COMPLETE - AS/OLA signed letter 1/19/17 advising to write the next Administration. DACA – *Chairwoman Sanchez + 21 to POTUS*, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, requests action regarding DACA, WF 1137428

#### DHS Component Input/Clearance Requests

A. **Component:** ICE COMPLETE – DHS ESEC closed; OBE per Front Office.

B. **Request for data** – *Chm. Grassley/Goodlatte re Special Interest Aliens*, WF 1113184

**Update:** OPQ data with OCC for review. RAIO Asylum still working on getting data. EXSO requested ETA from RAIO.

**Background:** *Chm. Grassley's* letter is dated 11/24/2015. The subject is regarding threats of ISIS members entering the U.S. through the SW border. USCIS has been coordinating with ICE on data input since March 2016. ICE came back on 12/5/16 with a new request for data. EH, ICE, and USCIS had a call on 12/12/16 to clarify what ICE is looking for.

#### **\*\*Upcoming Hearings**

None to report.

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#### Authorization Reports

(Corresponds to Authorization Report of January 18, 2017, 10:59 a.m.)

**Item #1** ● **Due Date to DHS: 9/30/16 Due Date to Congress: 11/1/16 ETA to DHS: 1/25/17**  
**Annual Report on the Impact of the Homeland Security Act on Immigration Functions Transferred to the Department of Homeland Security FY 2016, WF 1133394 (Annual)**  
**Description:** Section 478 of the Homeland Security Act (HSA) requires that the Secretary of Homeland Security report to Congress annually on the impact of the transfers made by the HSA on immigration functions.  
**Update:** No change since 1/18/17. With **CSPED and USCIS OCFO** to address Director's Office (JSW) comments/edits. ETA to EXSO 1/23/17.  
**Next Step:** Once Director's Office clears, EXSO will submit to DHS ESEC for Component clearance.

**Background**

- 11/04/16: MGT submitted draft report to EXSO.
- 11/07/16 - 11/10/16: OCC, FDNS, OP&S, FOD, RAIO and SCOPS cleared.
- 11/23/16: MGT/OPQ concurred with edits.
- 12/09/16: MGT/OPQ addressed OLA passback.
- 12/13/16: CSPED addressed OLA passback.
- 12/15/16: USCIS OCFO addressed OLA passback.
- 12/28/16: Director's Office (JSW) passback.
- 01/10/17: CSPED and USCIS OCFO adjudicated Director's Office (JSW) edits/comments.
- 01/17/17: Director's Office (JSW) passback.

**Item #2** ● **Due Date to DHS: 10/6/16 Due Date to Congress: 12/1/16 ETA to DHS: 1/25/17**  
**Immigration Applications Made by Victims of Abuse FY 2016, WF 1133396 (Annual)**  
**Description:** The statutory requirement is for the Secretary of Homeland Security to report annually on various statistics relating to aliens who applied for nonimmigrant status under paragraphs (15)(T)(i), (15)(U)(i), or (51) of section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act during the preceding fiscal year.  
**Update:** No change since 12/27/16. With **Director's Office (D2)** for clearance as of 12/27/16.  
**Next Step:** Once Director's Office clears, EXSO will submit to DHS ESEC for Component clearance.

**Background**

- 10/31/16: SCOPS submitted draft report to EXSO.
- 11/04/16 - 11/09/16: OP&S, OCC, FOD and MGT cleared.
- 11/22/16: SCOPS concurred with OLA comments.
- 11/28/16: EXSO received Director's Office (JSW) passback.
- 12/07/16: ICE adjudicated Director's Office (JSW) passback.
- 12/08/16: SCOPS consolidated ICE and Director's Office (JSW) edits/comments. EXSO submitted to Director's Office for clearance.

**Item #3** ● **Due Date to DHS: 11/4/16 Due Date to Congress: 12/30/16 ETA to DHS: 1/25/17**  
**Characteristics of H-1B Specialty Workers FY 2016, WF 1133407 (Annual)**  
**Description:** The H-1B nonimmigrant classification is a vehicle through which a qualified alien may seek admission to the United States on a temporary basis to work in his or her field of expertise.  
**Update:** No change since 1/5/17. With **Director's Office (TS)** for clearance as of 1/5/17.  
**Next Step:** Once Director's Office clears, EXSO will submit to DHS ESEC for Component clearance.

**Background**

- 11/18/16: SCOPS submitted draft report to EXSO.
- 11/18/16: OP&S cleared.
- 11/21/16-11/30/16: OCC cleared with edits. FOD and MGT cleared.
- 12/08/16: OLA cleared.
- 12/09/16: EXSO submitted to Director's Office for clearance.

**Item #4** ○ **Due Date to DHS: 11/4/16 Due Date to Congress: 12/30/16 ETA to DHS: 1/25/17**

### **FY2016 H-1B Petitions, WF 1133409 (Annual)**

**Description:** The Immigration Act of 1990 established numerical limitations on the H-1B nonimmigrant classification to provide U.S. employers access to foreign skilled workers while ensuring worker protections. The numerical cap of 65,000 H-1B visas was reached for the first time in Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 and again in FY 1998 as demand increased significantly in the burgeoning technology sector.

**Update:** No change since 12/23/16. With **Director's Office (D2)** for clearance as of 12/23/16.

**Next Step:** Once Director's Office clears, EXSO will submit to DHS ESEC for Component clearance.

#### **Background**

- 11/07/16: SCOPS submitted draft report to EXSO.
- 11/08/16 - 11/14/16: OCC, OP&S, FOD and MGT cleared.
- 11/21/16: OLA passback to SCOPS with comments/edits.
- 11/21/16: SCOPS does not concur with OLA edits.
- 12/12/16: Director's Office (JSW) passback to EXSO with edits/comments.
- 12/13/16: SCOPS addressed Director's Office (JSW) edits/comments. EXSO submitted to Director's Office for clearance.

**Item #5** ○ **Due Date to DHS: 1/30/17 Due Date to Congress: 3/15/17 ETA to DHS: 2/17/17**

### **Temporary Protected Status CY 2016, WF 1137357 (Annual)**

**Description:** Section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) provides the Secretary with the authority to designate a foreign state, or any part of such state, for temporary protected status (TPS) upon finding that such state is experiencing ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions.

**Update:** With **OCC, RAIO, MGT and OP&S** for clearance. ETA to EXSO 1/25/17.

**Next Step:** EXSO will submit to USCIS OLA for clearance.

**Item #6** ○ **Due Date to DHS: 2/10/17 Due Date to Congress: 3/1/17**

### **Adjustments of Status Granted Pursuant to Section 13 for January 2017 Report to Congress, WF 1137358 (Monthly)**

**Description:** The Section 13 report requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit this report each month when Congress is in session.

This report provides information on the number of former A and G nonimmigrant aliens who were granted lawful permanent residence under section 13.

**Update:** No change since 1/18/17. With **FOD** to complete initial draft for submission to EXSO. ETA to EXSO 2/6/17.

**Next Step:** Once FOD completes the draft report, EXSO will submit the report to OP&S and OCC for clearance.

**Item #7** ● **Due Date to DHS: 11/5/16 Due Date to Congress: 12/31/16 Submitted to DHS: 12/6/16**  
**H-2B Petitions FY 2016 Part 2, WF 1133412 (Semi-Annual)**

**Description:** The H-2B program allows U.S. employers to bring alien workers to the United States to fill temporary nonagricultural jobs.

**Update:** No change since 1/4/17. With **OMB** for clearance as of 1/4/17.

**Next Step:** Once OMB clears, EXSO will submit to DHS OLA for signature and transmission to Congress.

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### **Appropriations Reports**

**(Corresponds to Appropriations Report of January 10, 2017)**

**Item #1** ● **Due Date to DHS: 5/15/16 Due Date to Congress: 6/30/16 ETA to DHS: 3/30/17**  
**Quinquennial Report on Asylum Decision Trends and Factors (Every 5 years)**

**Description:** USCIS and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) are to report on trends and factors associated with asylum decisions.

**Update:** **RAIO** drafting report using the GAO study as a template for format and content. JSW is POC for D2's Office.

**Background**

- **09/13/16:** RAIO, EXSO, Director's Office, and DOJ/EOIR met to discuss report criteria and data parameters.
- **10/11/16:** DHS OCFO denied extension as they felt it was too late to request and extension. However, DHS noted the revised ETA is March 2017.
- **11/15/16:** GAO report was released.
- **12/15/16:** RAIO and EOIR met to discuss the GAO study of EOIR asylum outcomes.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR DELAY (FROM RAIO): Background Information.** This is a very complex report that requires an analysis of 5 years' worth of asylum decisions. A GAO study of EOIR's asylum outcomes was released on 11/15/16. RAIO and EOIR will consult to ensure each uses the similar analysis and review.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:32 AM  
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**Cc:** Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Tintary, Ruth E; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W; Prelogar, Brandon B; Groom, Molly M; Valverde, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged Convictions

Friendly reminder about this pending inquiry. **Comments by COB Friday, January 27, would be greatly appreciated.**

Thank you,

Jennifer

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**Cc:** Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Tintary, Ruth E; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W; Prelogar, Brandon B; Groom, Molly M; Valverde, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged Convictions

Many apologies, I meant Sen. Graham. Sorry for any confusion.

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As update, Sen. Graham reintroduced the Bridge Act on Thursday, January 12,   






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**Subject:** RE: Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged Convictions

Thank you, Natalie.

**From:** Tynan, Natalie S  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** Beppu, Jennifer M; Busch, Philip B; Levine, Laurence D; Hernandez, Efren; Zenny, Jimmy J; King, Alexander R; Umoru, Victoria E; Padilla, April Y; Woerz, Bret A; Robinson, Brandon M; Garon, Michelle S; Smith, Alice J; Ooi, Maura M; Hinds, Ian G; Whitney, Ronald W; Allred, Esther R; Hyams, Emilie R; Herrmann, Mary K; Anderson, Bertha I; Arditti, Avi; Sweet, Caitlin S  
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**Subject:** RE: Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged Convictions

Hi Jennifer – We have broader comments on the proposed legislation. Limiting our comments to 

 I think it is consistent with our overall treatment within immigration law. 

Thanks,  
Natalie  
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Brandon B; Groom, Molly M; Valverde, Michael

**Subject:** RE: Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged Convictions

Opening up this inquiry to the full DACA Work Group and OCC Legislative Counsel:

Sen. Graham introduced S. 3542, the Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy (Bridge) Act, in the last few days of the 114th Congress. The bill sought to provide "provisional protected presence" to qualified individuals who came to the United States as children.



Mahalo,

Jennifer

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**Cc:** 'Atkinson, Ronald A' [redacted] Tintary, Ruth E

**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry: SJC: DACA Expunged convictions

Hi SCOPS, OP&S, and FDNS,

A staff member from the Senate Judiciary Committee has requested information on how USCIS handles expunged records for DACA requestors. She would specifically like to know how USCIS can be sure of the accuracy of background checks providing this type of data. The original incoming email is below for your visibility.



**DRAFT RESPONSE**





Thank you in advance for the assistance.

Mahalo,

Jennifer

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**From:** Stoughton, Katie (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:00:55 PM  
**To:** Brown, Katherine H  
**Subject:** DACA

Hi Kate,



Thanks!  
-Katie

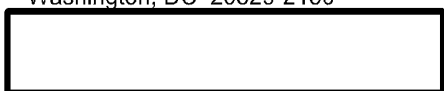
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**From:** McCament, James W  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:14 AM  
**To:** King, Alexander R; Neufeld, Donald W; Arroyo, Susan K; Moran, Karla; Hutchings, Pamela G  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting Article

Interesting. Thanks Alex.

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**From:** King, Alexander R  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:13 AM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Moran, Karla; Hutchings, Pamela G  
**Subject:** Interesting Article

This wasn't in the news brief today, but here's an interesting article from Vox today: <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/25/14390106/leaked-drafts-trump-immigrants-executive-order>

Vox claims to have obtained draft executive action orders that the President has not yet signed, and one of them relates to ending the DACA program. I've attached the draft executive order on DACA.

Thanks,

Alex

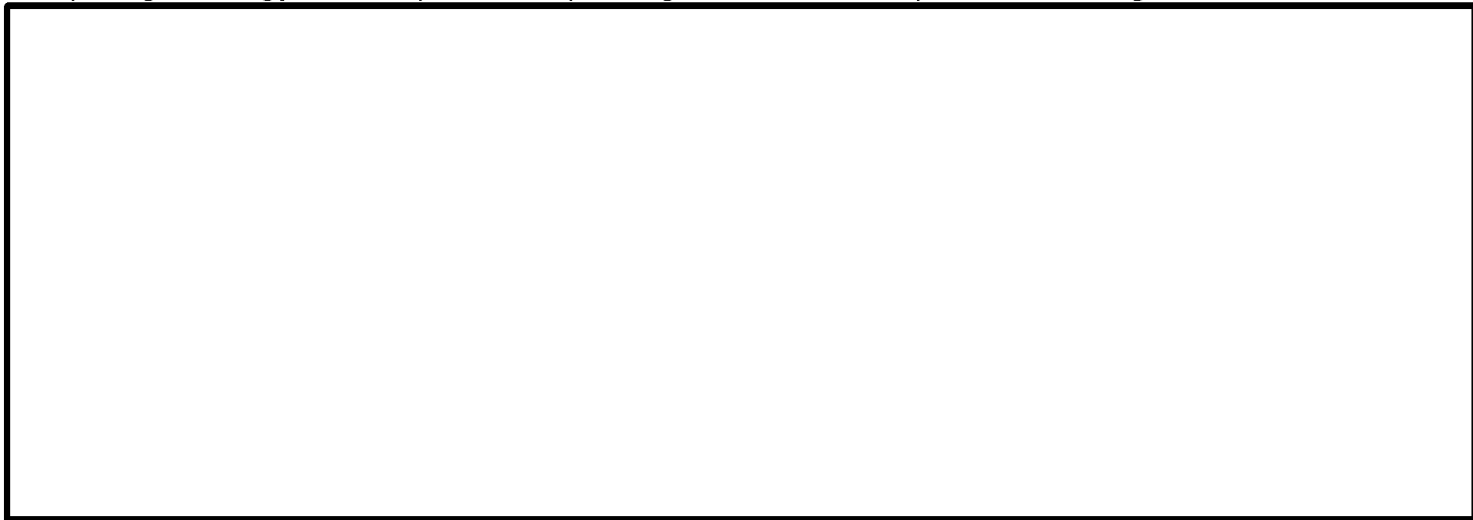
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** DACA Questions

Lori and Tracy,

I'm passing this along just in case you are in any briefings or discussions today related to winding down DACA. If the



There may be more questions, but these would be the most pressing.

*Donald Neufeld*


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**Attachments:** Ending\_Unconstitutional\_Executive\_Amenities.0.pdf

Have you seen the allegedly leaked draft on Vox? <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/25/14390106/leaked-drafts-trump-immigrants-executive-order>

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**Cc:** McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Chm. Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request, 20161012-008.  
**Attachments:** SCOPS Draft D1 Response\_Grassley v7 10 26 16\_OCC\_1.25.17.docx

Good morning Angela,

Please reconcile OCC/RALD's comments on the attached draft by COB Friday, January 27, 2017.

If you cannot met this due date please provide an ETA.

In response to the last comment on the second page, I am providing a copy of the A-File to OCC for review.

Thanks,

Kimberly Valentine  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Executive Secretariat



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Good afternoon Kimberly,

Attached is a draft response to Chairman Grassley. James McCament cleared this response.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thank you!  
Angela

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Okay Angela, thanks for the update.

Kimberly Valentine

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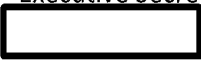
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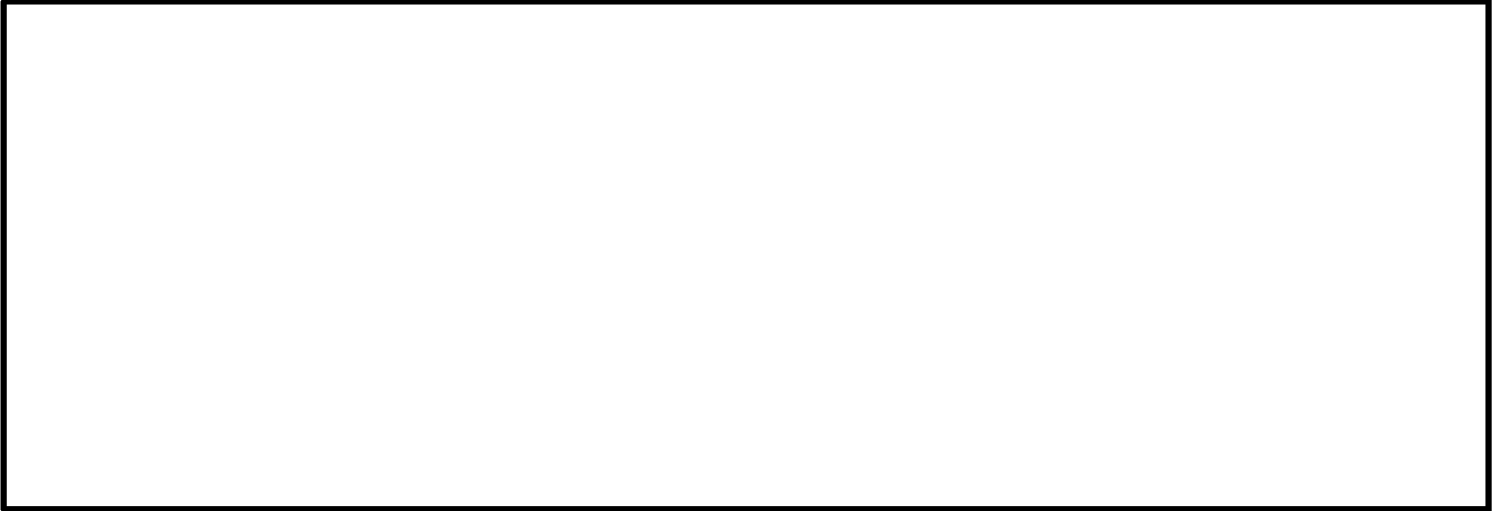


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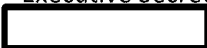
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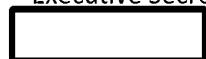
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**Subject:** RE: [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Chm. Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request, 20161012-008.

Kimberly,

Apologies, please disregard. I see on the Leadership Bulletin that OCC held it because of FOIA request.

Thanks,  
Angela

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Kimberly,

I would like to provide an explanation to our program office as to why OCC held this for 4 months. Could you please let us know?

Thank you,  
Angela

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Hi James,

Please see the email below from Gemma clarifying the statement. It only applied to DHS/Secretary level congressionals.

This letter was addressed to USCIS.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim

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**From:** Button, Maria G (Gemma)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Choi, Heesun S (Sunny); USCIS Exec Congr Corresp; Cummings, Kevin J  
**Cc:** Dalal-Dheini, Sharvari P (Shev); Shah, Liza H (Ami); Viger, Steven W; Van Trump, Jennifer R; Buten, Elizabeth C;

Parascandola, Ciro A; Levine, Laurence D; Carter, Constance L; Bacon, William H; Blanco, Patricia J; Tait, Karen E; Valentine, Kimberly A

**Subject:** RE: STATUS UPDATE PLEASE [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Rep. Bordallo requesting assistance regarding H-Visa extension issues, 20160906-004

Good Morning,

Thank you for the revised response. The incoming letter was addressed to D1 only; not S1. Hence, we are verifying with Acting D1 that she will sign this response.

There is no hold on Congressional Correspondence; the Department just closed out all outstanding letters addressed to Secretary Johnson. We are enjoying our volume of **ZERO** (DHS assigned S1 Congressionals) but on alert for any new Congressional correspondence.

If you have any questions, let me know.

*Gemma*

Maria Gemma Button  
Chief  
US Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Office of the Executive Secretariat

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Thank you Kim. I had understood that DHS OLA last week had signed out letters closing out all Congressional Correspondence addressed to the Secretary/DHS during the last Administration. Which this letter, responding to our edits 4 months later, would be. Is that not the case?

Thanks very much,

James

**James W. McCament**  
Deputy Associate Director, Service Center Operations  
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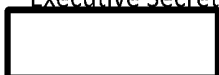
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If you cannot meet this due date please provide an ETA.

In response to the last comment on the second page, I am providing a copy of the A-File to OCC for review.

Thanks,

Kimberly Valentine  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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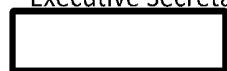
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**Angela V. Weller**  
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Service Center Operations Directorate  
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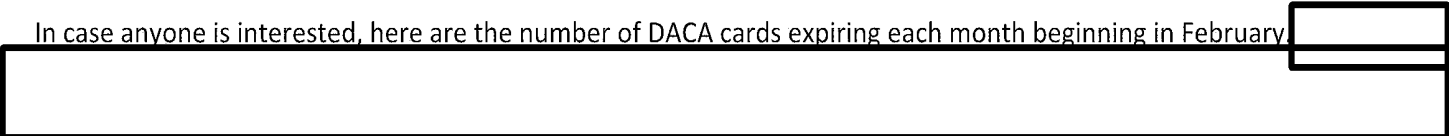
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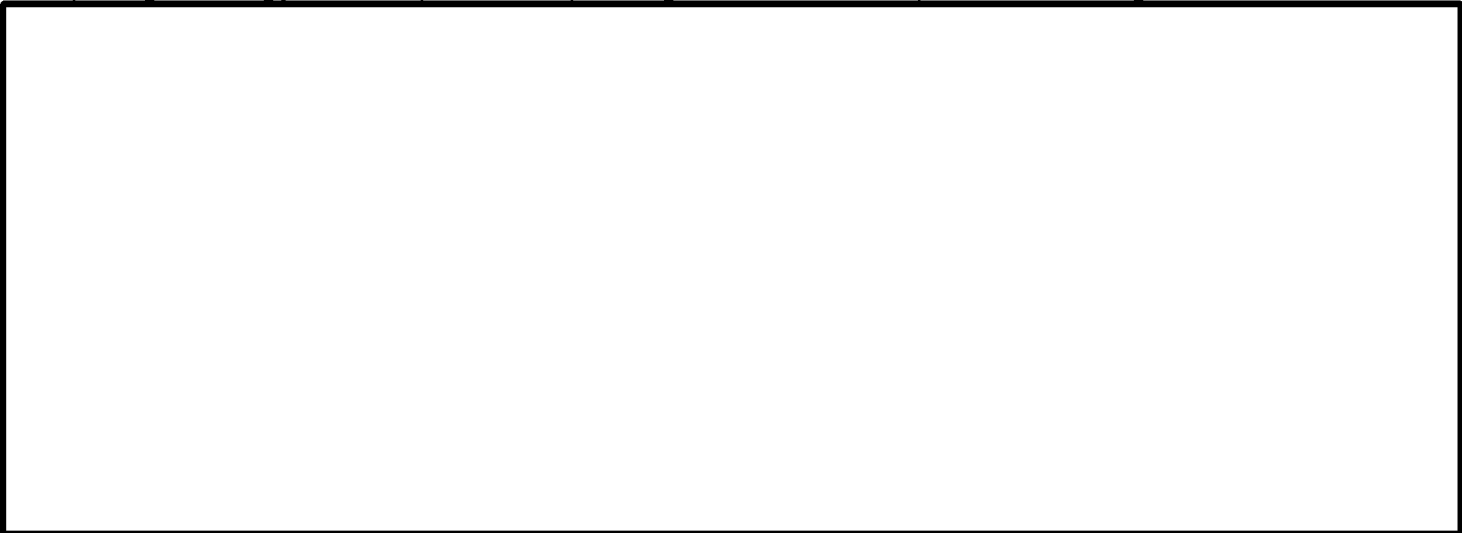


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Thank you. I will bring this with me to the meeting this afternoon so we have the data if this EO is discussed.

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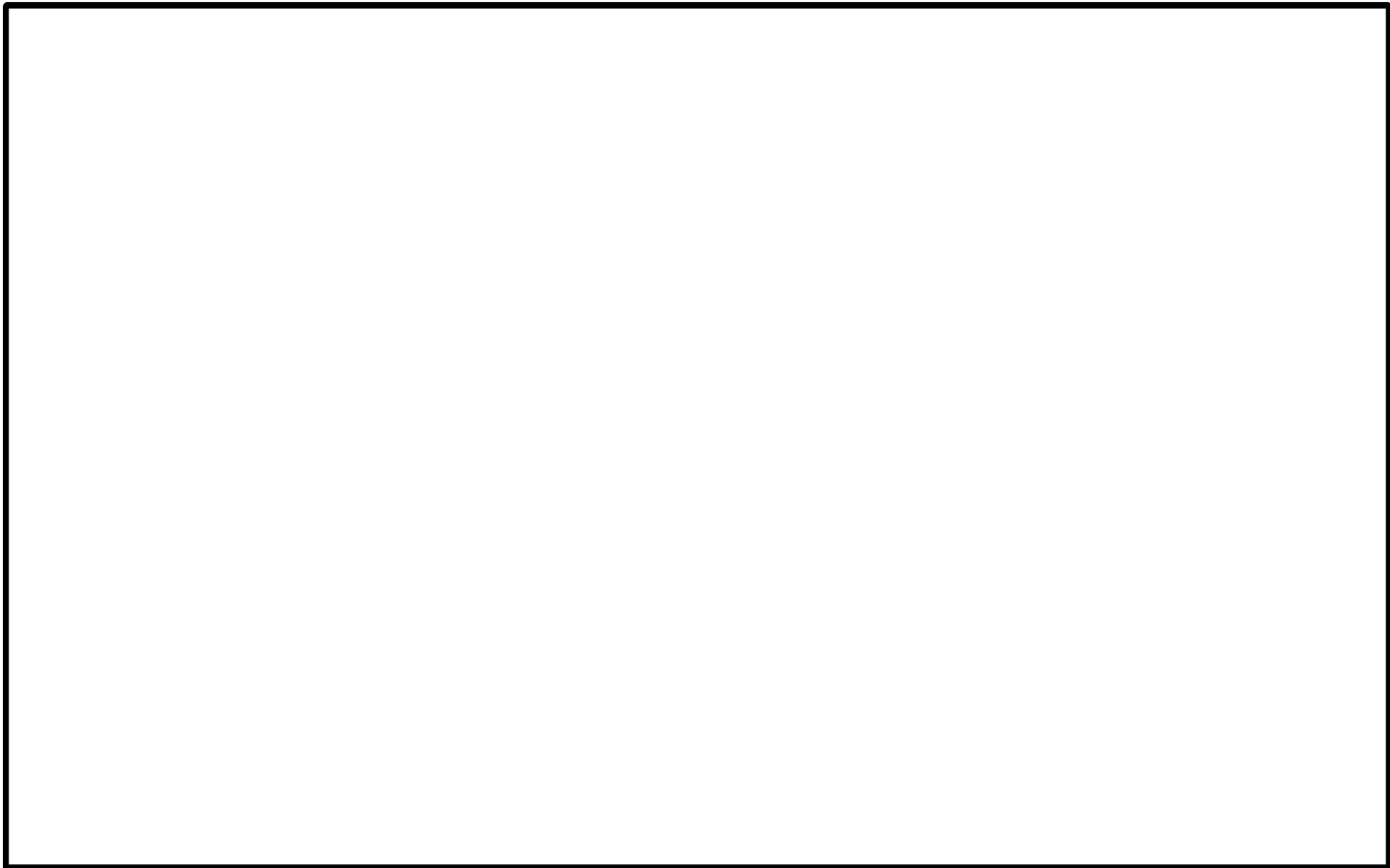
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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 9:12 AM  
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**Cc:** Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Tintary, Ruth E  
**Subject:** Clearance Request: Congressional Inquiry: CRS: DACA data security protections

Good morning James and Kristie:

I am seeking Front Office clearance of a response to an inquiry from the Congressional Research Service (CRS). A Member of Congress asked CRS to inquire about the security of the USCIS systems that maintain DACA request data. The following response was cleared by Privacy, OIT, and OCC:



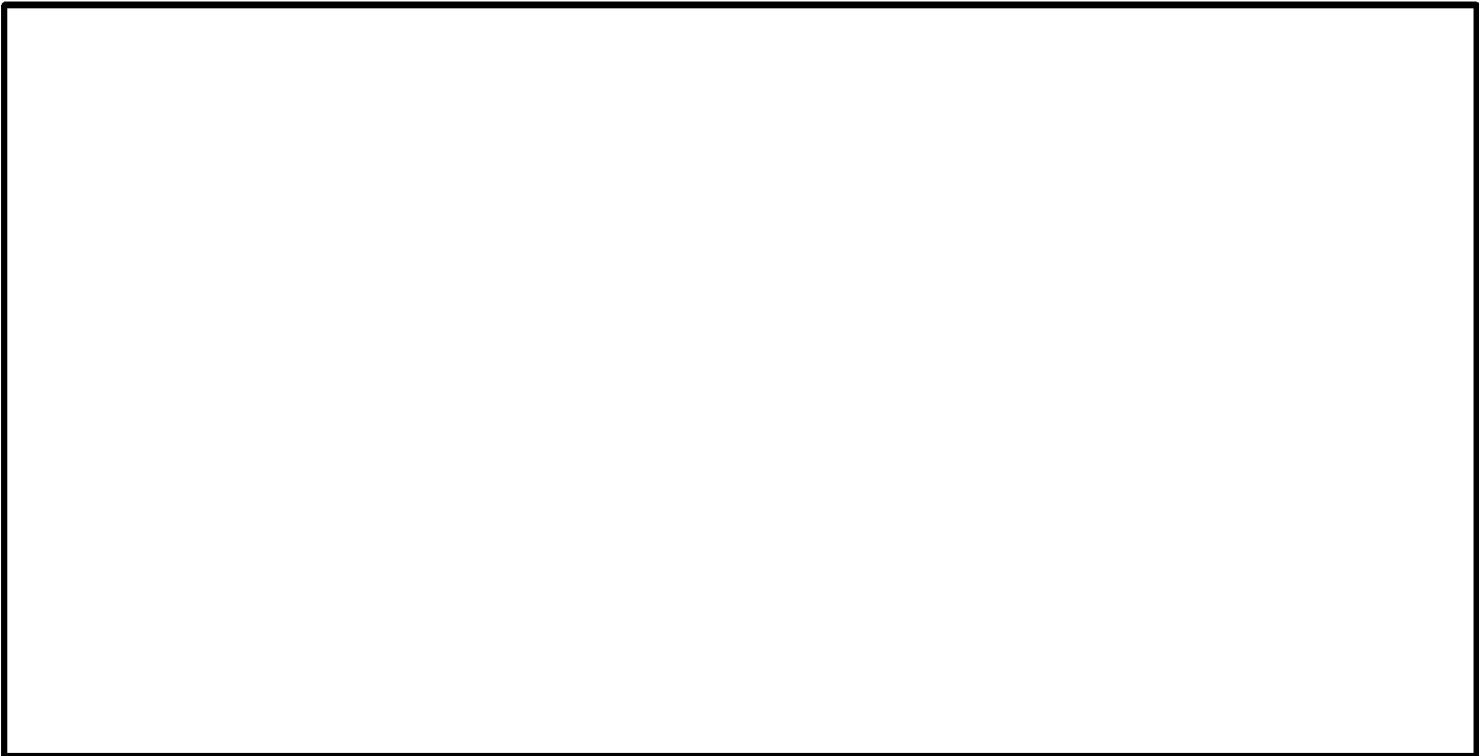
The full email chain with CRS is below for your visibility. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this request.

Mahalo,

Jennifer

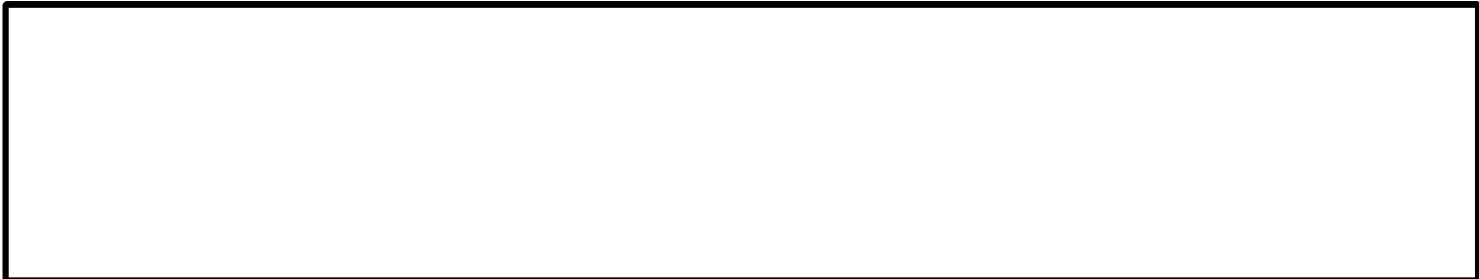
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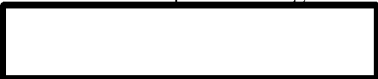
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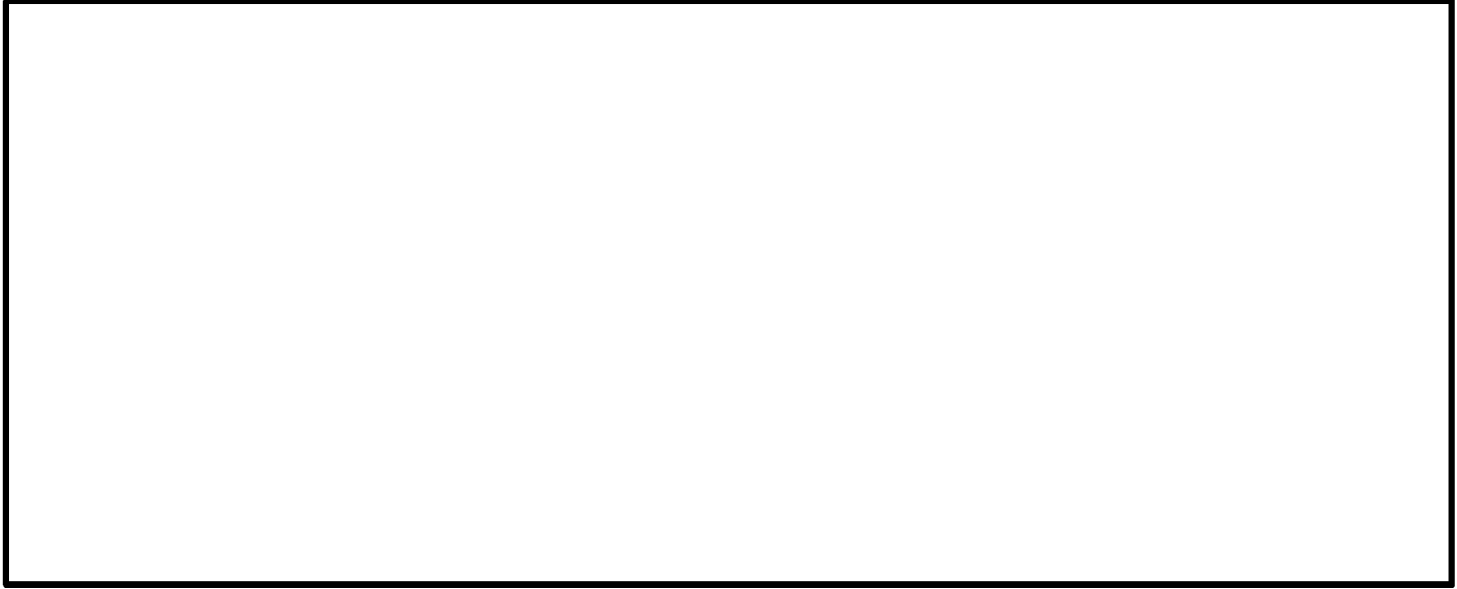


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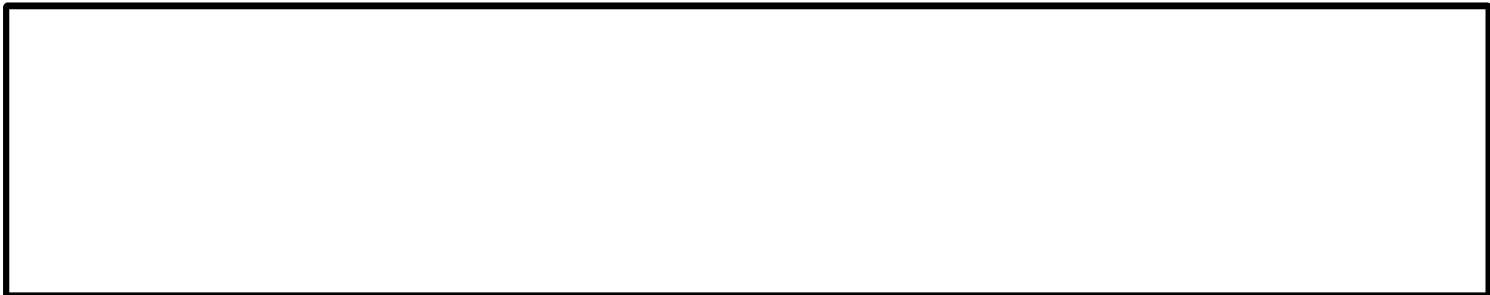
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Please reconcile OCC/RALD's comments on the attached draft by COB Friday, January 27, 2017.

If you cannot met this due date please provide an ETA.

In response to the last comment on the second page, I am providing a copy of the A-File to OCC for review.

Thanks,

Kimberly Valentine  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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**From:** Weller, Angela V  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 4:14 PM  
**To:** Valentine, Kimberly A; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K  
**Cc:** Button, Maria G (Gemma); Carter, Constance L; Davis, Marla J; Tait, Karen E  
**Subject:** RE: [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Chm. Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request, 20161012-008.

Good afternoon Kimberly,

Attached is a draft response to Chairman Grassley. James McCament cleared this response.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thank you!  
Angela

**From:** Valentine, Kimberly A  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 2:42 PM  
**To:** Weller, Angela V; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K  
**Cc:** Button, Maria G (Gemma); Carter, Constance L; Davis, Marla J; Tait, Karen E; Valentine, Kimberly A  
**Subject:** RE: [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Chm. Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request, 20161012-008.

Okay Angela, thanks for the update.

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Thank you,  
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Writer/Editor  
Service Center Operations Directorate  
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**Cc:** Button, Maria G (Gemma); Carter, Constance L; Davis, Marla J; Tait, Karen E; Valentine, Kimberly A  
**Subject:** [USCIS Congressional Correspondence] Chm. Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request, 20161012-008.

Good afternoon **SCOPS**,

Chairman Charles Grassley to D1 and ICE, requesting information on a denied DACA request. The Chairman requested immigration history, an executive summary, copies of her applications for DACA and the subsequent renewal, any

documents in her file including letter or records of calls in support of her application, dates of any meetings regarding this case and the names of the attendees, and a copy of the her A-file.

Please use the attached draft D1 response template to draft your response and submit it to me and Karen Tait by **2:00 p.m. Friday, October 21.**

Please provide EXSO with the A-File number and we will request the file from IRIS.

EXSO will obtain OCC, OLA, and the Director's Office clearance and signature.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you,

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And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

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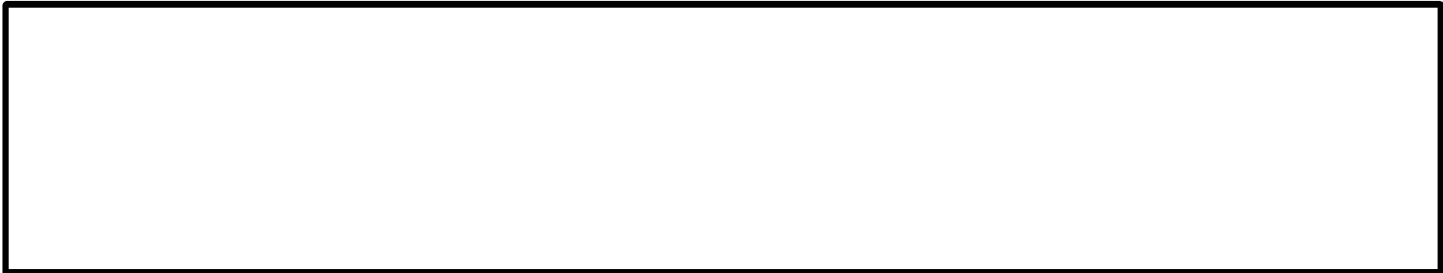
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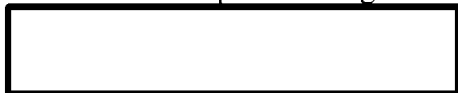


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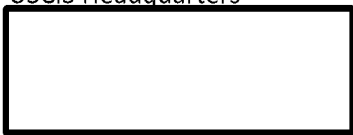
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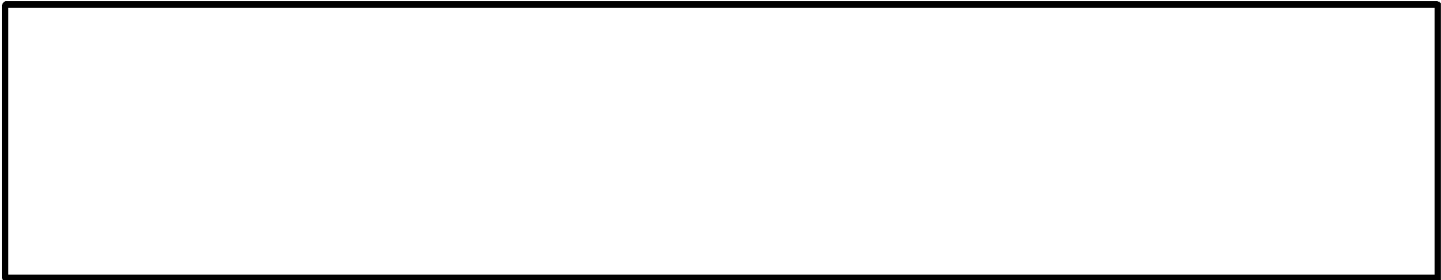
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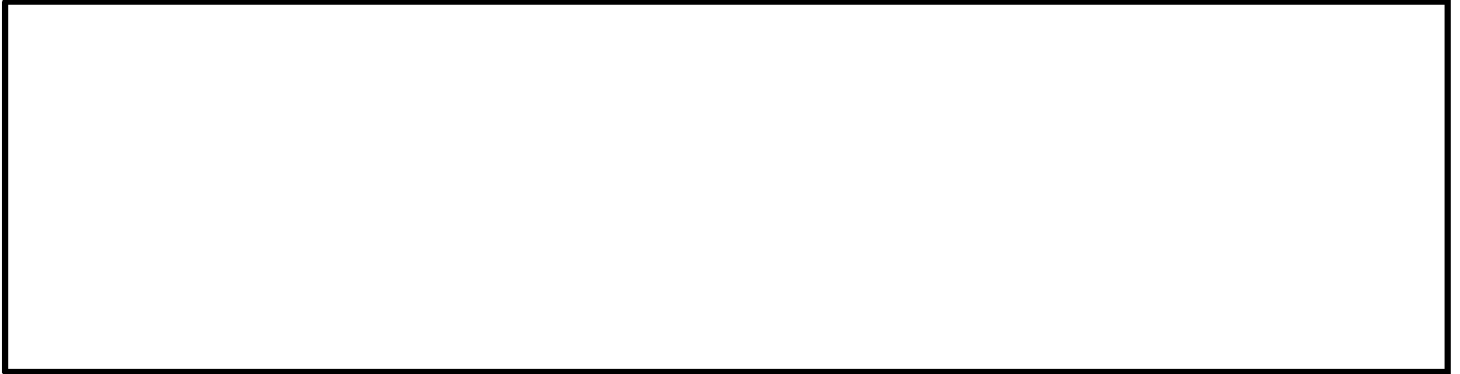
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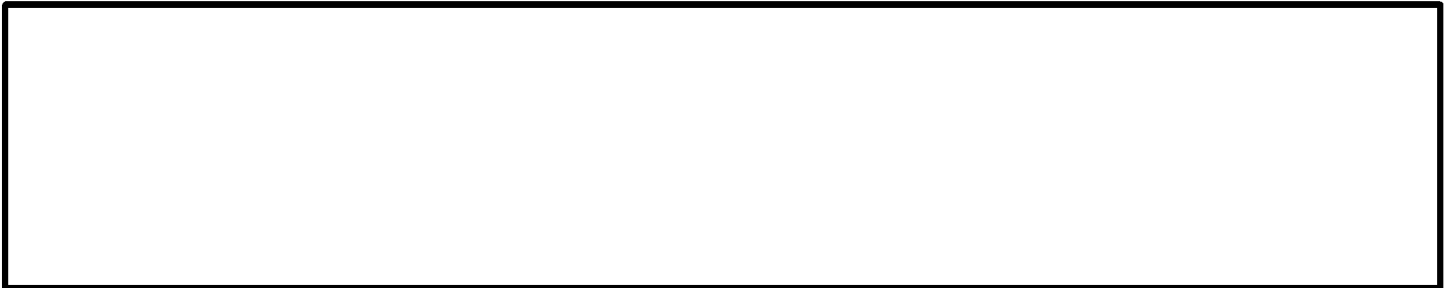
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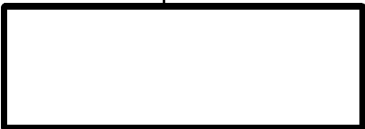
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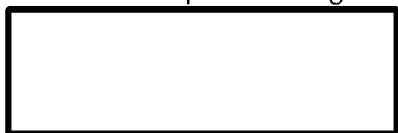
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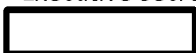
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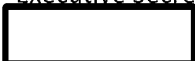
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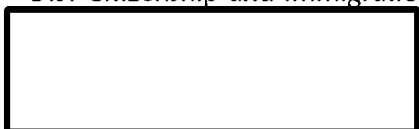
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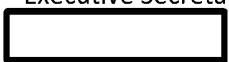
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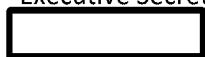
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Don

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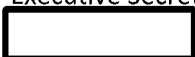
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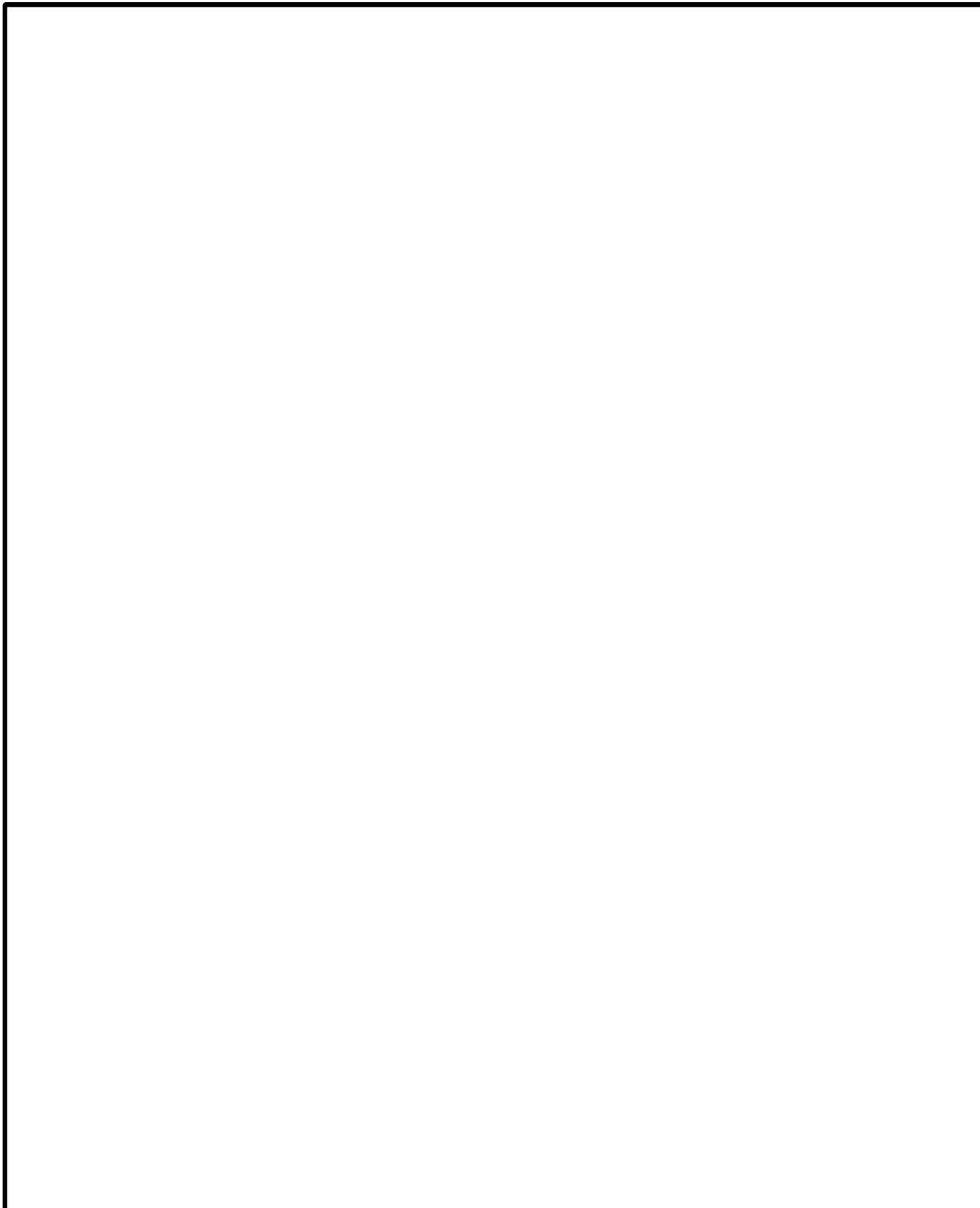




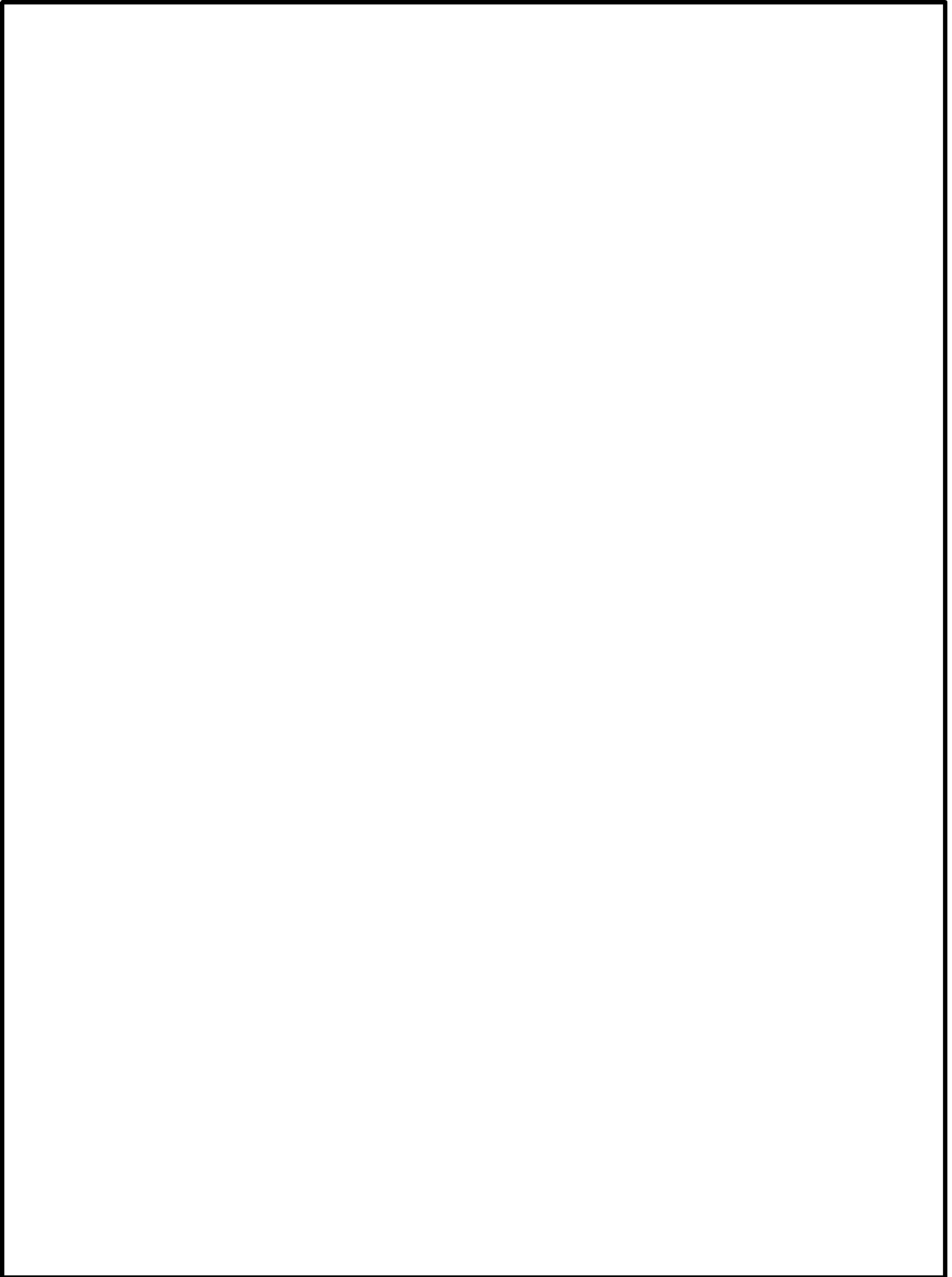
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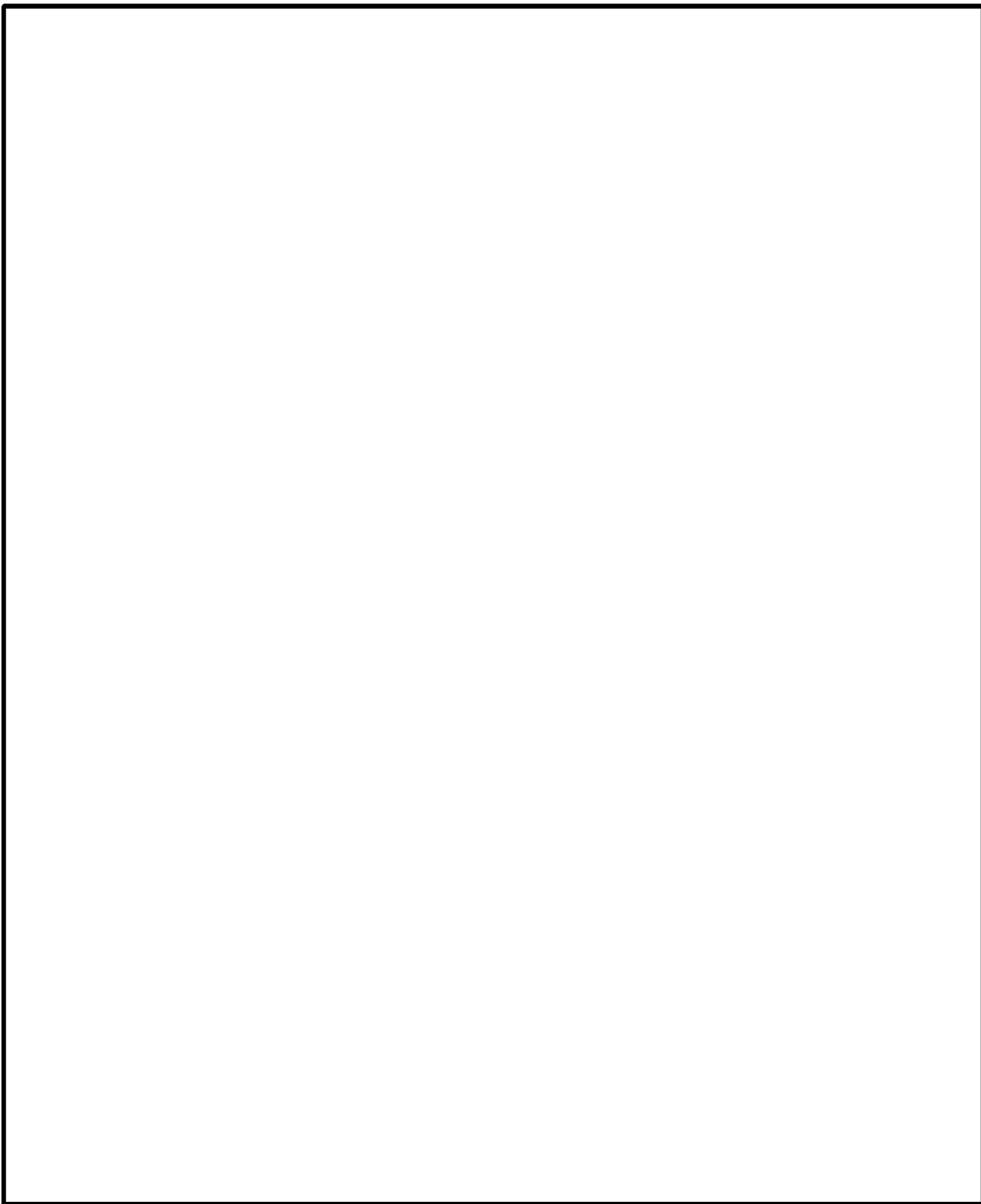
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## DHS DACA FAQs

### DACA Has Changed!

- We are no longer accepting initial requests for DACA, but we will adjudicate initial requests for DACA accepted by Sept. 5, 2017.
- We will no longer approve advance parole requests associated with DACA.
- We are only adjudicating DACA renewal requests received by Oct. 5, 2017, from current beneficiaries whose benefits will expire between Sept. 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018.
- [Read the 2017 DACA announcement](#)

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## I. General Information for All Requestors

### A. What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals?

As the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to focus its enforcement resources on the removal of individuals who pose a danger to national security or a risk to public safety, DHS will exercise prosecutorial discretion as appropriate to ensure that enforcement resources are not expended on low priority cases, such as individuals who came to the United States as children and meet other key guidelines. Individuals who demonstrate that they

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You may request consideration of DACA if you:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012, meaning that:
  - You never had a lawful immigration status on or before June 15, 2012, or
  - Any lawful immigration status or parole that you obtained prior to June 15, 2012, had expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

**Individuals can call U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at 1-800-375-5283 with questions or to request more information on DACA.** Those with pending requests can also use a number of [online self-help tools](#) which include the ability to check case status and processing times, change your address, and send an inquiry about a case pending longer than posted processing times or non-delivery of a card or document.

#### **Q1: What is deferred action?**

A1: Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer a removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. For purposes of future inadmissibility based upon **unlawful presence**, an individual whose case has been deferred is not considered to be unlawfully present during the period in which deferred action is in effect. An individual who has received deferred action is authorized by DHS to be present in the United States, and is therefore considered by DHS to be lawfully present during the period deferred action is in effect. However, deferred action does not confer **lawful status** upon an individual, nor does it excuse any previous or subsequent periods of unlawful presence.

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demonstrate “an economic necessity for employment.” DHS can terminate or renew deferred action at any time, at the agency’s discretion.

**Q2: What is DACA?**

A2: On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization.

Individuals who can demonstrate through verifiable documentation that they meet these guidelines will be considered for deferred action. Determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis under the DACA guidelines.

**Q3: Is there any difference between “deferred action” and DACA under this process?**

A3: DACA is one form of deferred action. The relief an individual receives under DACA is identical for immigration purposes to the relief obtained by any person who receives deferred action as an act of prosecutorial discretion.

**Q4: If my removal is deferred under the consideration of DACA, am I eligible for employment authorization?**

A4: Yes. Under existing regulations, if your case is deferred, you may obtain employment authorization from USCIS provided you can demonstrate an economic necessity for employment.

**Q5: If my case is deferred, am I in lawful status for the period of deferral?**

A5: No. Although action on your case has been deferred and you do not accrue unlawful presence (for admissibility purposes) during the period of deferred action, deferred action does not confer any lawful status.

The fact that you are not accruing unlawful presence does not change whether you are in lawful status while you remain in the United States. However, although deferred action does not confer a lawful immigration status, your period of stay is authorized by the Department of Homeland Security while your deferred action is in effect and, for admissibility purposes, you are considered to be lawfully present in the United States during that time. **Individuals granted deferred action are not precluded by federal law from establishing domicile in the U.S.**

Apart from the immigration laws, “lawful presence,” “lawful status” and similar terms are used in various other federal and state laws. For information on how those laws affect individuals who receive a favorable exercise of prosecutorial discretion under DACA, please contact the appropriate federal, state or local authorities.

**Q6: Can I renew my period of deferred action and employment authorization under DACA?**

A6: Yes. You may request consideration for a renewal of your DACA. Your request for a renewal

will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If USCIS renews its exercise of discretion under DACA for your case, you will receive deferred action for another two years, and if you demonstrate an economic necessity for employment, you may receive employment authorization throughout that period.

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## **B. DACA Process**

### **Q7: How do I request consideration of DACA?**

A7: To request consideration of DACA (either as an initial request or to request a renewal), you must submit [Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#) to USCIS. Please visit [uscis.gov/i-821d](http://uscis.gov/i-821d) before you begin the process to make sure you are using the most current version of the form available. This form must be completed, properly signed and accompanied by a [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#), and a [Form I-765WS, Worksheet \(PDF, 235 KB\)](#), establishing your economic need for employment. If you fail to submit a completed Form I-765 (along with the accompanying filing fees for that form, please see the Form I-821D page for more information), USCIS will not consider your request for deferred action. Please read the form instructions to ensure that you answer the appropriate questions (determined by whether you are submitting an initial or renewal request) and that you submit all the required documentation to support your initial request.

You must file your request for consideration of DACA at the USCIS Lockbox. You can find the mailing address and instructions at [www.uscis.gov/i-821d](http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d). As of June 5, 2014, requestors must use the new version of the form. After your Form I-821D, Form I-765, and Form I-765 Worksheet have been received, USCIS will review them for completeness, including submission of the required fee, initial evidence and supporting documents (for initial filings).

If it is determined that the request is complete, USCIS will send you a receipt notice. USCIS will then send you an appointment notice to visit an Application Support Center (ASC) for biometric services, if an appointment is required. Please make sure you read and follow the directions in the notice. Failure to attend your biometrics appointment may delay processing of your request for consideration of deferred action, or may result in a denial of your request. You may also choose to receive an email and/or text message notifying you that your form has been accepted by completing a [Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance](#).

Each request for consideration of DACA will be reviewed on an individual, case-by-case basis. USCIS may request more information or evidence from you, or request that you appear at a USCIS office. USCIS will notify you of its determination in writing.

**Note:** All individuals who believe they meet the guidelines, including those in removal proceedings, with a final removal order, or with a voluntary departure order (and not in immigration detention), may affirmatively request consideration of DACA from USCIS through

this process. Individuals who are currently in immigration detention and believe they meet the guidelines may not request consideration of deferred action from USCIS but may identify themselves to their deportation officer or Jail Liaison. You may also contact the ICE Field Office Director. For more information visit ICE's website at [www.ice.gov/daca](http://www.ice.gov/daca).

**Q8: Can I obtain a fee waiver or fee exemption for this process?**

A8: There are no fee waivers available for employment authorization applications connected to DACA. There are very limited fee exemptions available. Requests for fee exemptions must be filed and favorably adjudicated before an individual files his/her request for consideration of DACA without a fee. In order to be considered for a fee exemption, you must submit a letter and supporting documentation to USCIS demonstrating that you meet one of the following conditions:

- You are under 18 years of age, have an income that is less than 150 percent of the U.S. poverty level, and are in foster care or otherwise lacking any parental or other familial support; or
- You are under 18 years of age and homeless; or
- You cannot care for yourself because you suffer from a serious, chronic disability and your income is less than 150 percent of the U.S. poverty level; or,
- You have, at the time of the request, accumulated **\$10,000** or more in debt in the past 12 months as a result of unreimbursed medical expenses for yourself or an immediate family member, and your income is less than 150 percent of the U.S. poverty level.

You can find additional information on our [Fee Exemption Guidance](#) Web page. Your request must be submitted and decided before you submit a request for consideration of DACA without a fee. In order to be considered for a fee exemption, you must provide documentary evidence to demonstrate that you meet any of the above conditions at the time that you make the request. For evidence, USCIS will:

- Accept affidavits from community-based or religious organizations to establish a requestor's homelessness or lack of parental or other familial financial support.
- Accept copies of tax returns, bank statement, pay stubs, or other reliable evidence of income level. Evidence can also include an affidavit from the applicant or a responsible third party attesting that the applicant does not file tax returns, has no bank accounts, and/or has no income to prove income level.
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- Address factual questions through Requests for Evidence (RFEs).

**Q9: If individuals meet the guidelines for consideration of DACA and are encountered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), will they be placed into removal proceedings?**

A9: DACA is intended, in part, to allow CBP and ICE to focus on priority cases. Under the direction of the Secretary of Homeland Security, if an individual meets the guidelines for DACA, CBP or ICE should exercise their discretion on a case-by-case basis to prevent qualifying individuals from being apprehended, placed into removal proceedings, or removed. If individuals believe that, in light of this policy, they should not have been apprehended or placed into removal proceedings, contact the Law Enforcement Support Center's hotline at 1-855-448-6903 (staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

**Q10: Does this process apply to me if I am currently in removal proceedings, have a final removal order, or have a voluntary departure order?**

A10: This process is open to any individual who can demonstrate he or she meets the guidelines for consideration, including those who have never been in removal proceedings as well as those in removal proceedings, with a final order, or with a voluntary departure order (as long as they are not in immigration detention).

**Q11: If I am not in removal proceedings but believe I meet the guidelines for consideration of DACA, should I seek to place myself into removal proceedings through encounters with CBP or ICE?**

A11: No. If you are not in removal proceedings but believe that you meet the guidelines, you should submit your DACA request to USCIS under the process outlined below.

**Q12: Can I request consideration of DACA from USCIS if I am in immigration detention under the custody of ICE?**

A12: No. If you are currently in immigration detention, you may not request consideration of DACA from USCIS. If you think you may meet the guidelines of this process, you should identify yourself to your deportation officer or Jail Liaison. You may also contact the ICE Field Office Director. For more information, visit ICE's website at [www.ice.gov/daca](http://www.ice.gov/daca).

**Q13: If I am about to be removed by ICE and believe that I meet the guidelines for consideration of DACA, what steps should I take to seek review of my case before removal?**

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**Q14: What should I do if I meet the guidelines of this process and have been issued an ICE detainer following an arrest by a state or local law enforcement officer?**

A14: If you meet the guidelines and have been served a detainer, you should immediately contact the Law Enforcement Support Center's hotline at 1-855-448-6903 (staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

**Q15: If I accepted an offer of administrative closure under the case-by-case review process or my case was terminated as part of the case-by-case review process, can I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

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**Q18: Can I request consideration of DACA under this process if I am currently in a nonimmigrant status (e.g. F-1, E-2, H-4) or have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?**

A18: No. You can only request consideration of DACA under this process if you currently have no immigration status and were not in any lawful status on June 15, 2012.

**Q19: Will the information I share in my request for consideration of DACA be used for immigration enforcement purposes?**

A19: Information provided in this request is protected from disclosure to ICE and CBP for the purpose of immigration enforcement proceedings unless the requestor meets the criteria for the issuance of a Notice To Appear or a referral to ICE under the criteria set forth in USCIS' Notice to Appear guidance ([www.uscis.gov/NTA](http://www.uscis.gov/NTA)). Individuals whose cases are deferred pursuant to DACA will not be referred to ICE. The information may be shared with national security and law enforcement agencies, including ICE and CBP, for purposes other than removal, including for assistance in the consideration of DACA, to identify or prevent fraudulent claims, for national security purposes, or for the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense. The above information sharing policy covers family members and guardians, in addition to the requestor. This policy, which may be modified, superseded, or rescinded at any time without notice, is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law by any party in any administrative, civil, or criminal matter.

**Q20: If my case is referred to ICE for immigration enforcement purposes or if I receive an NTA, will information related to my family members and guardians also be referred to ICE for immigration enforcement purposes?**

A20: If your case is referred to ICE for purposes of immigration enforcement or you receive an NTA, information related to your family members or guardians that is contained in your request will not be referred to ICE for purposes of immigration enforcement against family members or guardians. However, that information may be shared with national security and



law enforcement agencies, including ICE and CBP, for purposes other than removal, including for assistance in the consideration of DACA, to identify or prevent fraudulent claims, for national security purposes, or for the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense.

This policy, which may be modified, superseded, or rescinded at any time without notice, is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party in any administrative, civil, or criminal matter.

**Q21: Will USCIS verify documents or statements that I provide in support of a request for DACA?**

A21: USCIS has the authority to verify documents, facts, and statements that are provided in support of requests for DACA. USCIS may contact education institutions, other government agencies, employers, or other entities in order to verify information.

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## **C. Background Checks**

**Q22: Will USCIS conduct a background check when reviewing my request for consideration of DACA?**

A22: Yes. You must undergo biographic and biometric background checks before USCIS will consider your DACA request.

**Q23: What do background checks involve?**

A23: Background checks involve checking biographic and biometric information provided by the individuals against a variety of databases maintained by DHS and other federal government agencies.

**Q24: What steps will USCIS and ICE take if I engage in fraud through the new process?**

A24: If you knowingly make a misrepresentation, or knowingly fail to disclose facts, in an effort to obtain DACA or work authorization through this process, you will be treated as an immigration enforcement priority to the fullest extent permitted by law, and be subject to criminal prosecution and/or removal from the United States.

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## **D. After USCIS Makes a Decision**

**Q25: Can I appeal USCIS' determination?**

A25: No. You cannot file a motion to reopen or reconsider, and cannot appeal the decision if USCIS denies your request for consideration of DACA.

You may request a review of your I-821D denial by contacting USCIS' National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 to have a service request created if you believe that you actually did meet all of the DACA guidelines and you believe that your request was denied because USCIS:

- Denied the request based on abandonment, when you actually responded to a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) within the prescribed time;
- Mailed the RFE or NOID to the wrong address although you had changed your address online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) **or** with a customer service representative on the phone and submitted a Form AR-11, Change of Address, before USCIS issued the RFE or NOID.
- To ensure the address is updated on a pending case as quickly as possible, we recommend that customers submit a change of address request at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange). Please note that only an online change of address or a Form AR-11 submission will satisfy the legal requirements for notifying the agency of an address change. Therefore, if you called a customer service representative to change your address, please be sure you have also submitted your address change online or with a Form AR-11.
- Denied the request on the grounds that you did not come to the United States prior to your 16th birthday, but the evidence submitted at the time of filing shows that you did arrive before reaching that age.
- Denied the request on the grounds that you were under age 15 at the time of filing but not in removal proceedings, while the evidence submitted at the time of filing show that you indeed were in removal proceedings when the request was filed;
- Denied the request on the grounds that you were 31 or older as of June 15, 2012, but the evidence submitted at the time of filing shows that you were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Denied the request on the grounds that you had lawful status on June 15, 2012, but the evidence submitted at the time of filing shows that you indeed were in an unlawful immigration status on that date;
- Denied the request on the grounds that you were not physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and up through the date of filing, but the evidence submitted at the time of filing shows that you were, in fact, present;
- Denied the request due to your failure to appear at a USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) to have your biometrics collected, when you in fact either did appear at a USCIS ASC to have this done or requested prior to the scheduled date of your biometrics appointment to have the appointment rescheduled; or
- Denied the request because you did not pay the filing fees for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, when you actually did pay these fees

If you believe your request was denied due to any of these administrative errors, you may contact our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD for the hearing impaired). Customer service officers are available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. in each U.S. time zone.

**Q26: If USCIS does not exercise deferred action in my case, will I be placed in removal proceedings?**

A26: If you have submitted a request for consideration of DACA and USCIS decides not to defer action in your case, USCIS will apply its policy guidance governing the referral of cases to ICE and the issuance of Notices to Appear (NTA). If your case does not involve a criminal offense, fraud, or a threat to national security or public safety, your case will not be referred to ICE for purposes of removal proceedings except where DHS determines there are exceptional circumstances. For more detailed information on the applicable NTA policy, visit [www.uscis.gov/NTA](http://www.uscis.gov/NTA). If after a review of the totality of circumstances USCIS determines to defer action in your case, USCIS will likewise exercise its discretion and will not issue you an NTA.

**Q27: Can my deferred action under the DACA process be terminated before it expires?**

A27: Yes.

DACA is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion and deferred action may be terminated at any time, with or without a Notice of Intent to Terminate, at DHS's discretion.

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## **II. Initial Requests for DACA**

**Q28: What guidelines must I meet to be considered for deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA)?**

A28: Under the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, in order to be considered for DACA, you must submit evidence, including supporting documents, showing that you:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and

7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

These guidelines must be met for consideration of DACA. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) retains the ultimate discretion to determine whether deferred action is appropriate in any given case even if the guidelines are met.

**Q29: How old must I be in order to be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A29:

- If you have never been in removal proceedings, or your proceedings have been terminated before your request for consideration of DACA, you must be at least 15 years of age or older at the time of filing and meet the other guidelines.
- If you are in removal proceedings, have a final removal order, or have a voluntary departure order, and are not in immigration detention, you can request consideration of DACA even if you are under the age of 15 at the time of filing and meet the other guidelines.
- In all instances, you must have been under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012, to be considered for DACA.

**Q30: I first came to the United States before I turned 16 years old and have been continuously residing in the United States since at least June 15, 2007. Before I turned 16 years old, however, I left the United States for some period of time before returning and beginning my current period of continuous residence. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A30: Yes, but only if you established residence in the United States during the period before you turned 16 years old, as evidenced, for example, by records showing you attended school or worked in the United States during that time, or that you lived in the United States for multiple years during that time. In addition to establishing that you initially resided in the United States before you turned 16 years old, you must also have maintained continuous residence in the United States from June 15, 2007, until the present time to be considered for deferred action under this process.

**Q31: To prove my continuous residence in the United States since June 15, 2007, must I provide evidence documenting my presence for every day, or every month, of that period?**

A31: To meet the continuous residence guideline, you must submit documentation that shows you have been living in the United States from June 15, 2007, up until the time of your request. You should provide documentation to account for as much of the period as reasonably possible, but there is no requirement that every day or month of that period be specifically accounted for through direct evidence.

It is helpful to USCIS if you can submit evidence of your residence during at least each year of the period. USCIS will review the documentation in its totality to determine whether it is more likely than not that you were continuously residing in the United States for the period

since June 15, 2007. Gaps in the documentation as to certain periods may raise doubts as to your continued residence if, for example, the gaps are lengthy or the record otherwise indicates that you may have been outside the United States for a period of time that was not brief, casual or innocent.

If gaps in your documentation raise questions, USCIS may issue a Request for Evidence to allow you to submit additional documentation that supports your claimed continuous residence.

Affidavits may be submitted to explain a gap in the documentation demonstrating that you meet the five-year continuous residence requirement. If you submit affidavits related to the continuous residence requirement, you must submit two or more affidavits, sworn to or affirmed by people other than yourself who have direct personal knowledge of the events and circumstances during the period as to which there is a gap in the documentation. Affidavits may only be used to explain gaps in your continuous residence; they cannot be used as evidence that you meet the entire five-year continuous residence requirement.

**Q32: Does “currently in school” refer to the date on which the request for consideration of deferred action is filed?**

A32: To be considered “currently in school” under the guidelines, you must be enrolled in school on the date you submit a request for consideration of deferred action under this process.

**Q33: Who is considered to be “currently in school” under the guidelines?**

A33: To be considered “currently in school” under the guidelines, you must be enrolled in:

- a public, private, or charter elementary school, junior high or middle school, high school, secondary school, alternative program, or homeschool program that meets state requirements;
- an education, literacy, or career training program (including vocational training) that has a purpose of improving literacy, mathematics, or English or is designed to lead to placement in postsecondary education, job training, or employment and where you are working toward such placement; or
- an education program assisting students either in obtaining a regular high school diploma or its recognized equivalent under state law (including a certificate of completion, certificate of attendance, or alternate award), or in passing a GED exam or other state-authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC) in the United States.

Such education, literacy, career training programs (including vocational training), or education programs assisting students in obtaining a regular high school diploma or its recognized equivalent under state law, or in passing a GED exam or other state-authorized exam in the United States, include, but are not limited to, programs funded, in whole or in part, by federal, state, county or municipal grants or administered by non-profit

organizations. Programs funded by other sources may qualify if they are programs of demonstrated effectiveness.

In assessing whether such programs not funded in whole or in part by federal, state, county or municipal grants or administered by non-profit organizations are of demonstrated effectiveness, USCIS will consider the duration of the program's existence; the program's track record in assisting students in obtaining a regular high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, in passing a GED or other state-authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC), or in placing students in postsecondary education, job training, or employment; and other indicators of the program's overall quality. For individuals seeking to demonstrate that they are "currently in school" through enrollment in such a program, the burden is on the requestor to show the program's demonstrated effectiveness.

### **Q34: How do I establish that I am currently in school?**

A34: Documentation sufficient for you to demonstrate that you are currently in school may include, but is not limited to:

- evidence that you are enrolled in a public, private, or charter elementary school, junior high or middle school, high school or secondary school; alternative program, or homeschool program that meets state requirements; or
- evidence that you are enrolled in an education, literacy, or career training program (including vocational training) that:
  - has a purpose of improving literacy, mathematics, or English, or is designed to lead to placement in postsecondary education, job training, or employment and where you are working toward such placement; and
  - is funded, in whole or in part, by federal, state, county or municipal grants or is administered by non-profit organizations, or if funded by other sources, is a program of demonstrated effectiveness; or
- evidence that you are enrolled in an education program assisting students in obtaining a high school equivalency diploma or certificate recognized under state law (such as by passing a GED exam or other such state-authorized exam [for example, HiSet or TASC]), and that the program is funded in whole or in part by federal, state, county or municipal grants or is administered by non-profit organizations or if funded by other sources, is of demonstrated effectiveness.

Such evidence of enrollment may include: acceptance letters, school registration cards, letters from a school or program, transcripts, report cards, or progress reports which may show the name of the school or program, date of enrollment, and current educational or grade level, if relevant.

**Q35: What documentation may be sufficient to demonstrate that I have graduated from high school?**

A35: Documentation sufficient for you to demonstrate that you have graduated from high school may include, but is not limited to, a high school diploma from a public or private high school or secondary school, a certificate of completion, a certificate of attendance, or an alternate award from a public or private high school or secondary school, or a recognized equivalent of a high school diploma under state law, or a GED certificate or certificate from passing another such state authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC) in the United States.

**Q36: What documentation may be sufficient to demonstrate that I have obtained a GED certificate or certificate from passing another such state authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC)?**

A36: Documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence that you have passed a GED exam, or other state-authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC), and, as a result, have received the recognized equivalent of a regular high school diploma under state law.

**Q37: If I am enrolled in a literacy or career training program, can I meet the guidelines?**

A37: Yes, in certain circumstances. You may meet the guidelines if you are enrolled in an education, literacy, or career training program that has a purpose of improving literacy, mathematics, or English or is designed to lead to placement in postsecondary education, job training, or employment and where you are working toward such placement. Such programs include, but are not limited to, programs funded, in whole or in part, by federal, state, county or municipal grants or administered by non-profit organizations, or if funded by other sources, are programs of demonstrated effectiveness.

**Q38: If I am enrolled in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program, can I meet the guidelines?**

A38: Yes, in certain circumstances. Enrollment in an ESL program may be used to meet the guidelines if the ESL program is funded in whole or in part by federal, state, county or municipal grants, or administered by non-profit organizations, or if funded by other sources is a program of demonstrated effectiveness. You must submit direct documentary evidence that the program is funded in whole or part by federal, state, county or municipal grants, administered by a non-profit organization, or of demonstrated effectiveness.

**Q39: Will USCIS consider evidence other than that listed in Chart #1 to show that I have met the education guidelines?**

A39: No. Evidence not listed in Chart #1 will not be accepted to establish that you are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, or have obtained a GED or passed another state-authorized exam (e.g., HiSet or TASC). You must submit any of the documentary evidence listed in Chart #1 to show that you meet the education guidelines.

**Q40: Will USCIS consider evidence other than that listed in Chart #1 to show that I have met certain initial guidelines?**

A40: Evidence other than those documents listed in Chart #1 may be used to establish the following guidelines and factual showings if available documentary evidence is insufficient or lacking and shows that:

- You were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012;
- You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- You satisfy the continuous residence requirement, as long as you present direct evidence of your continued residence in the United States for a portion of the required period and the circumstantial evidence is used only to fill in gaps in the length of continuous residence demonstrated by the direct evidence; and
- Any travel outside the United States during the period of required continuous presence was brief, casual, and innocent.

However, USCIS will not accept evidence other than the documents listed in Chart #1 as proof of any of the following guidelines to demonstrate that you:

- Were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012; and
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a GED certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States.

For example, even if you do not have documentary proof of your presence in the United States on June 15, 2012, you may still be able to satisfy the guideline. You may do so by submitting credible documentary evidence that you were present in the United States shortly before and shortly after June 15, 2012, which, under the facts presented, may give rise to an inference of your presence on June 15, 2012 as well. However, evidence other than that listed in Chart #1 will not be accepted to establish that you have graduated high school. You must submit the designated documentary evidence to satisfy that you meet this guideline.

Chart #1 provides examples of documentation you may submit to demonstrate you meet the initial guidelines for consideration of deferred action under this process. Please see the instructions of [Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#), for additional details of acceptable documentation.

### **Chart #1 Examples of Documents to Submit to Demonstrate You Meet the Guidelines**

Proof of identity	Passport or national identity document from your country of origin
	Birth certificate with photo identification
	School or military ID with photo
	Any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo



## Chart #1 Examples of Documents to Submit to Demonstrate You Meet the Guidelines

Proof you came to U.S. before your 16th birthday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passport with admission stamp</li> <li>Form I-94/I-95/I-94W</li> <li>School records from the U.S. schools you have attended</li> <li>Any Immigration and Naturalization Service or DHS document stating your date of entry (Form I-862, Notice to Appear)</li> <li>Travel records</li> <li>Hospital or medical records</li> <li>Rent receipts or utility bills</li> <li>Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc.)</li> <li>Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony</li> <li>Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country</li> <li>Birth certificates of children born in the U.S.</li> <li>Dated bank transactions</li> <li>Automobile license receipts or registration</li> <li>Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts</li> <li>Tax receipts, insurance policies</li> </ul>
Proof of immigration status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form I-94/I-95/I-94W with authorized stay expiration date</li> <li>Final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal issued as of June 15, 2012</li> <li>A charging document placing you into removal proceedings</li> </ul>
Proof of presence in U.S. on June 15, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rent receipts or utility bills</li> <li>Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc.)</li> <li>School records (letters, report cards, etc.)</li> </ul>
Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Military records (Form DD-214 or NGB Form 22)</li> <li>Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony</li> <li>Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country</li> <li>Passport entries</li> <li>Birth certificates of children born in the U.S.</li> <li>Dated bank transactions</li> <li>Automobile license receipts or registration</li> </ul>

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Proof of your education status at the time of requesting consideration of DACA	Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts
	Tax receipts, insurance policies
	School records (transcripts, report cards, etc.) from the school that you are currently attending in the United States showing the name(s) of the school(s) and periods of school attendance and the current educational or grade level
	U.S. high school diploma, certificate of completion, or other alternate award
	High school equivalency diploma or certificate recognized under state law
Proof you are an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or the U.S. Coast Guard	Evidence that you passed a state-authorized exam, including the GED or other state-authorized exam (for example, HiSet or TASC) in the United States
	Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
	NGB Form 22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service
	Military personnel records
	Military health records

### **Q41: May I file affidavits as proof that I meet the initial guidelines for consideration of DACA?**

A41: Affidavits generally will not be sufficient on their own to demonstrate that you meet the guidelines for USCIS to consider you for DACA. However, affidavits may be used to support meeting the following guidelines only if the documentary evidence available to you is insufficient or lacking:

- Demonstrating that you meet the five year continuous residence requirement; and
- Establishing that departures during the required period of continuous residence were brief, casual and innocent.

If you submit affidavits related to the above criteria, you must submit two or more affidavits, sworn to or affirmed by people other than yourself, who have direct personal knowledge of the events and circumstances. Should USCIS determine that the affidavits are insufficient to overcome the unavailability or the lack of documentary evidence with respect to either of these guidelines, it will issue a Request for Evidence, indicating that further evidence must be submitted to demonstrate that you meet these guidelines.

USCIS will not accept affidavits as proof of satisfying the following guidelines:

- You are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion or other alternate award from high school, have obtained a high school equivalency diploma or certificate (such as by passing the GED exam or other state-authorized exam [for example, HiSet or TASC]), or are an honorably discharged veteran from the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States;
- You were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012;
- You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- You were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012; and
- Your criminal history, if applicable.

If the only evidence you submit to demonstrate you meet any of the above guidelines is an affidavit, USCIS will issue a Request for Evidence, indicating that you have not demonstrated that you meet these guidelines and that you must do so in order to demonstrate that you meet that guideline.

**Q42: Will I be considered to be in unlawful status if I had an application for asylum or cancellation of removal pending before either USCIS or the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) on June 15, 2012?**

A42: Yes. If you had an application for asylum or cancellation of removal, or similar relief, pending before either USCIS or EOIR as of June 15, 2012, but had no lawful status, you may request consideration of DACA.

**Q43: I was admitted for "duration of status" or for a period of time that extended past June 14, 2012, but violated my immigration status (e.g., by engaging in unauthorized employment, failing to report to my employer, or failing to pursue a full course of study) before June 15, 2012. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A43: No, unless the Executive Office for Immigration Review terminated your status by issuing a final order of removal against you before June 15, 2012.

**Q44: I was admitted for "duration of status" or for a period of time that extended past June 14, 2012 but "aged out" of my dependent nonimmigrant status as of June 15, 2012. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A44: Yes. For purposes of satisfying the "had no lawful status on June 15, 2012," guideline alone, if you were admitted for "duration of status" or for a period of time that extended past June 14, 2012 but "aged out" of your dependent nonimmigrant status, on or before June 15, 2012, (meaning you turned 21 years old on or before June 15, 2012), you may be considered for deferred action under this process.

**Q45: I was admitted for "duration of status" but my status in SEVIS is listed as terminated on or before June 15, 2012. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A45: Yes. For the purposes of satisfying the ““had no lawful status on June 15, 2012,” guideline alone, if your status as of June 15, 2012, is listed as “terminated” in SEVIS, you may be considered for deferred action under this process.

**Q46: I am a Canadian citizen who was inspected by CBP but was not issued an I-94 at the time of admission. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A46: In general, a Canadian citizen who was admitted as a visitor for business or pleasure and not issued an I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, (also known as a “non-controlled” Canadian nonimmigrant) is lawfully admitted for a period of six months. For that reason, unless there is evidence, including verifiable evidence provided by the individual, that he or she was specifically advised that his or her admission would be for a different length of time, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will consider for DACA purposes only, that the alien was lawfully admitted for a period of six months. Therefore, if DHS is able to verify from its records that your last non-controlled entry occurred on or before Dec. 14, 2011, DHS will consider your nonimmigrant visitor status to have expired as of June 15, 2012 and you may be considered for deferred action under this process.

**Q47: I used my Border Crossing Card (BCC) to obtain admission to the United States and was not issued an I-94 at the time of admission. May I be considered for deferred action under this process?**

A47: Because the limitations on entry for a BCC holder vary based on location of admission and travel, DHS will assume that the BCC holder who was not provided an I-94 was admitted for the longest period legally possible—30 days—unless the individual can demonstrate, through verifiable evidence, that he or she was specifically advised that his or her admission would be for a different length of time. Accordingly, if DHS is able to verify from its records that your last admission was using a BCC, you were not issued an I-94 at the time of admission, and it occurred on or before May 14, 2012, DHS will consider your nonimmigrant visitor status to have expired as of June 15, 2012, and you may be considered for deferred action under this process.

**Q48: Do I accrue unlawful presence if I have a pending initial request for consideration of DACA?**

A48: You will continue to accrue unlawful presence while the request for consideration of DACA is pending unless you are under 18 years of age at the time of the request. If you are under 18 years of age at the time you submit your request, you will not accrue unlawful presence while the request is pending, even if you turn 18 while your request is pending with USCIS. If action on your case is deferred, you will not accrue unlawful presence during the period of deferred action. However, having action deferred on your case will not excuse previously accrued unlawful presence.

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### **III. Renewal of DACA**

**Q49: When should I file my renewal request with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)?**

A49: USCIS strongly encourages you to submit your Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal request between 150 days and 120 days before the expiration date located on your current Form I-797 DACA approval notice and Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Filing during this window will minimize the possibility that your current period of DACA will expire before you receive a decision on your renewal request.

USCIS' current goal is to process DACA renewal requests within 120 days. You may submit an inquiry about the status of your renewal request after it has been pending more than 105 days. To submit an inquiry online, please visit [egov.uscis.gov/e-request](http://egov.uscis.gov/e-request).

- **Please Note:** Factors that may affect the timely processing of your DACA renewal request include, but are not limited to:
  - Failure to appear at an Application Support Center (ASC) for a scheduled biometrics appointment to obtain fingerprints and photographs. No-shows or rescheduling appointments will require additional processing time.
  - Issues of national security, criminality or public safety discovered during the background check process that require further vetting.
  - Issues of travel abroad that need additional evidence/clarification.
  - Name/date of birth discrepancies that may require additional evidence/clarification.
  - The renewal submission was incomplete or contained evidence that suggests a requestor may not satisfy the DACA renewal guidelines and USCIS must send a request for additional evidence or explanation

**Q50: Can I file a renewal request outside the recommended filing period of 150 days to 120 days before my current DACA expires?**

A50: USCIS strongly encourages you to file your renewal request within the recommended 150-120 day filing period to minimize the possibility that your current period of DACA will expire before you receive a decision on your renewal request. Requests received earlier than 150 days in advance will be accepted; however, this could result in an overlap between your current DACA and your renewal. This means your renewal period may extend for less than a full two years from the date that your current DACA period expires..

If you file after the recommended filing period (meaning less than 120 days before your current period of DACA expires), there is an increased possibility that your current period of DACA and employment authorization will expire before you receive a decision on your renewal request. If you file after your most recent DACA period expired, but within one year of its expiration, you may submit a request to renew your DACA. If you are filing beyond one year after your most recent period of DACA expired, you may still request DACA by submitting a new initial request.

**Q51: How will USCIS evaluate my request for renewal of DACA:**

A51: You may be considered for renewal of DACA if you met the guidelines for consideration of Initial DACA (see above) AND you:

- Did not depart the United States on or after Aug. 15, 2012, without advance parole;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since you submitted your most recent request for DACA that was approved up to the present time; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

These guidelines must be met for consideration of DACA renewal. USCIS retains the ultimate discretion to determine whether deferred action is appropriate in any given case even if the guidelines are met.

**Q52 Do I accrue unlawful presence if I am seeking renewal and my previous period of DACA expires before I receive a renewal of deferred action under DACA? Similarly, what would happen to my work authorization?**

A52: Yes, if your previous period of DACA expires before you receive a renewal of deferred action under DACA, you will accrue unlawful presence for any time between the periods of deferred action unless you are under 18 years of age at the time you submit your renewal request.

Similarly, if your previous period of DACA expires before you receive a renewal of deferred action under DACA, you will not be authorized to work in the United States regardless of your age at time of filing until and unless you receive a new employment authorization document from USCIS.

**Q53. Do I need to provide additional documents when I request renewal of deferred action under DACA?**

A53. No, unless you have *new* documents pertaining to removal proceedings or criminal history that you have not already submitted to USCIS in a previously approved DACA request. USCIS, however, reserves the authority to request at its discretion additional documents, information or statements relating to a DACA renewal request determination.

CAUTION: If you knowingly and willfully provide materially false information on Form I-821D, you will be committing a federal felony punishable by a fine, or imprisonment up to five years, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. In addition, individuals may be placed into removal proceedings, face severe penalties provided by law, and be subject to criminal prosecution.

**Q54. If I am no longer in school, can I still request to renew my DACA?**

A54. Yes. Neither Form I-821D nor the instructions ask renewal requestors for information about continued school enrollment or graduation. The instructions for renewal requests

specify that you may be considered for DACA renewal if you met the guidelines for consideration of initial DACA, including the educational guidelines and:

1. Did not depart the United States on or after August 15, 2012, without advance parole;
2. Have continuously resided in the United States, up to the present time, since you submitted your most recent request for DACA that was approved; and
3. Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor or three or more misdemeanors, and are not a threat to national security or public safety.

**Q55: If I initially received DACA and was under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012, but have since become 31 or older, can I still request a DACA renewal?**

A55: Yes. You may request consideration for a renewal of DACA as long as you were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012.

## **IV. Travel**

**Q56: May I travel outside of the United States before I submit an initial Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) request or while my initial DACA request remains pending with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)?**

A56: Any unauthorized travel outside of the United States on or after Aug. 15, 2012, will interrupt your continuous residence and you will not be considered for deferred action under this process. Any travel outside of the United States that occurred on or after June 15, 2007, but before Aug. 15, 2012, will be assessed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine whether the travel qualifies as brief, casual and innocent. (See Chart #2.)

CAUTION: You should be aware that if you have been ordered deported or removed, and you then leave the United States, your departure will likely result in your being considered deported or removed, with potentially serious future immigration consequences.

**Q57: If my case is deferred under DACA, will I be able to travel outside of the United States?**

A57: Not automatically. If USCIS has decided to defer action in your case and you want to travel outside the United States, you must apply for advance parole by filing a [Form I-131, Application for Travel Document](#) and paying the applicable fee (\$575). USCIS will determine whether your purpose for international travel is justifiable based on the circumstances you describe in your request. Generally, USCIS will only grant advance parole if your travel abroad will be in furtherance of:

- humanitarian purposes, including travel to obtain medical treatment, attending funeral services for a family member, or visiting an ailing relative;
- educational purposes, such as semester-abroad programs and academic research, or;

- employment purposes such as overseas assignments, interviews, conferences or, training, or meetings with clients overseas.

Travel for vacation is not a valid basis for advance parole.

You may not apply for advance parole unless and until USCIS defers action in your case under the consideration of DACA. You cannot apply for advance parole at the same time as you submit your request for consideration of DACA. All advance parole requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If USCIS has deferred action in your case under the DACA process after you have been ordered deported or removed, you may still request advance parole if you meet the guidelines for advance parole described above.

**CAUTION:** However, for those individuals who have been ordered deported or removed, before you actually leave the United States, you should seek to reopen your case before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and obtain administrative closure or termination of your removal proceeding. Even after you have asked EOIR to reopen your case, you should not leave the United States until after EOIR has granted your request. If you depart after being ordered deported or removed, and your removal proceeding has not been reopened and administratively closed or terminated, your departure may result in your being considered deported or removed, with potentially serious future immigration consequences. If you have any questions about this process, you may contact U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through the local ICE Office of the Chief Counsel with jurisdiction over your case.

**CAUTION:** If you travel outside the United States on or after Aug. 15, 2012, without first receiving advance parole, your departure automatically terminates your deferred action under DACA.

**Q58: Do brief departures from the United States interrupt the continuous residence requirement?**

A58: A brief, casual and innocent absence from the United States will not interrupt your continuous residence. If you were absent from the United States, your absence will be considered brief, casual and innocent if it was on or after June 15, 2007, and before Aug. 15, 2012, and:

1. The absence was short and reasonably calculated to accomplish the purpose for the absence;
2. The absence was not because of an order of exclusion, deportation or removal;
3. The absence was not because of an order of voluntary departure, or an administrative grant of voluntary departure before you were placed in exclusion, deportation or removal proceedings; and
4. The purpose of the absence and/or your actions while outside the United States were not contrary to law.



Once USCIS has approved your request for DACA, you may file [Form I-131](#), Application for Travel Document, to request advance parole to travel outside of the United States.

CAUTION: If you travel outside the United States on or after Aug. 15, 2012, without first receiving advance parole, your departure automatically terminates your deferred action under DACA.

**Travel Guidelines (Chart #2)**

Travel Dates	Type of Travel	Does It Affect Continuous Residence
On or after June 15, 2007, but before Aug. 15, 2012	Brief, casual and innocent	No
	For an extended time	Yes
	Because of an order of exclusion, deportation, voluntary departure, or removal	
	To participate in criminal activity	
On or after Aug. 15, 2012, and before you have requested deferred action	Any	Yes. You cannot apply for advance parole unless and until DHS has determined whether to defer action in your case and you cannot travel until you receive advance parole.  In addition, if you have previously been ordered deported and removed and you depart the United States without taking additional steps to address your removal proceedings, your departure will likely result in your being considered deported or removed, with potentially serious future immigration consequences.
On or after Aug. 15, 2012, and after you have requested deferred action	Any	

Travel Dates	Type of Travel	Does It Affect Continuous Residence
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On or after Aug. 15, 2012 and after receiving DACA

It depends. If you travel after receiving advance parole, the travel will not interrupt your continuous residence. However, if you travel *without* receiving advance parole, the travel *will* interrupt your continuous residence.

**Q59: May I file a request for advance parole concurrently with my DACA package?**

A59: Concurrent filing of advance parole is not an option at this time. DHS is, however, reviewing its policy on concurrent filing of advance parole with a DACA request. In addition, DHS is also reviewing eligibility criteria for advance parole. If any changes to this policy are made, USCIS will update this FAQ and inform the public accordingly.

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## V. Criminal Convictions

**Q60: If I have a conviction for a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, or multiple misdemeanors, can I receive an exercise of prosecutorial discretion under this new process?**

A60: No. If you have been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, or three or more other misdemeanor offenses not occurring on the same date and not arising out of the same act, omission, or scheme of misconduct, you will not be considered for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) except where the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determines there are exceptional circumstances.

**Q61: What offenses qualify as a felony?**

A61: A felony is a federal, state, or local criminal offense punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

**Q62: What offenses constitute a significant misdemeanor?**

A62: For the purposes of this process, a significant misdemeanor is a misdemeanor as defined

by federal law (specifically, one for which the maximum term of imprisonment authorized is one year or less but greater than five days) and that meets the following criteria:

1. Regardless of the sentence imposed, is an offense of domestic violence; sexual abuse or exploitation; burglary; unlawful possession or use of a firearm; drug distribution or trafficking; or, driving under the influence; or,
2. If not an offense listed above, is one for which the individual was sentenced to time in custody of more than 90 days. The sentence must involve time to be served in custody, and therefore does not include a suspended sentence.

The time in custody does not include any time served beyond the sentence for the criminal offense based on a state or local law enforcement agency honoring a detainer issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Notwithstanding the above, the decision whether to defer action in a particular case is an individualized, discretionary one that is made taking into account the totality of the circumstances. Therefore, the absence of the criminal history outlined above, or its presence, is not necessarily determinative, but is a factor to be considered in the unreviewable exercise of discretion. DHS retains the discretion to determine that an individual does not warrant deferred action on the basis of a single criminal offense for which the individual was sentenced to time in custody of 90 days or less.

**Q63: What offenses constitute a non-significant misdemeanor?**

A63: For purposes of this process, a non-significant misdemeanor is any misdemeanor as defined by federal law (specifically, one for which the maximum term of imprisonment authorized is one year or less but greater than five days) and that meets the following criteria:

1. Is not an offense of domestic violence; sexual abuse or exploitation; burglary; unlawful possession or use of a firearm; drug distribution or trafficking; or, driving under the influence; and
2. Is one for which the individual was sentenced to time in custody of 90 days or less. The time in custody does not include any time served beyond the sentence for the criminal offense based on a state or local law enforcement agency honoring a detainer issued by ICE.

Notwithstanding the above, the decision whether to defer action in a particular case is an individualized, discretionary one that is made taking into account the totality of the circumstances. Therefore, the absence of the criminal history outlined above, or its presence, is not necessarily determinative, but is a factor to be considered in the unreviewable exercise of discretion.

**Q64: If I have a minor traffic offense, such as driving without a license, will it be considered a non-significant misdemeanor that counts towards the “three or more non-significant misdemeanors” making me unable to receive consideration for an exercise of prosecutorial discretion under this new process?**

A64: A minor traffic offense will not be considered a misdemeanor for purposes of this

process. However, your entire offense history can be considered along with other facts to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, you warrant an exercise of prosecutorial discretion.

It is important to emphasize that driving under the influence is a significant misdemeanor regardless of the sentence imposed.

**Q65: What qualifies as a national security or public safety threat?**

A65: If the background check or other information uncovered during the review of your request for deferred action indicates that your presence in the United States threatens public safety or national security, you will not be able to receive consideration for an exercise of prosecutorial discretion except where DHS determines there are exceptional circumstances. Indicators that you pose such a threat include, but are not limited to, gang membership, participation in criminal activities, or participation in activities that threaten the United States.

**Q66: Will offenses criminalized as felonies or misdemeanors by state immigration laws be considered felonies or misdemeanors for purpose of this process?**

A66: No. Immigration-related offenses characterized as felonies or misdemeanors by state immigration laws will not be treated as disqualifying felonies or misdemeanors for the purpose of considering a request for consideration of deferred action under this process.

**Q67: Will DHS consider my expunged or juvenile conviction as an offense making me unable to receive an exercise of prosecutorial discretion?**

A67: Expunged convictions and juvenile convictions will not automatically disqualify you. Your request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether, under the particular circumstances, a favorable exercise of prosecutorial discretion is warranted. If you were a juvenile, but tried and convicted as an adult, you will be treated as an adult for purposes of the DACA process.

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## **VI. Miscellaneous**

**Q68: Does deferred action provide me with a path to permanent resident status or citizenship?**

A68: No. Deferred action is a form of prosecutorial discretion that does not confer lawful permanent resident status or a path to citizenship. Only the Congress, acting through its legislative authority, can confer these rights.

**Q69: Can I be considered for deferred action even if I do not meet the guidelines to be considered for DACA?**

A69: This process is only for individuals who meet the specific guidelines for DACA. Other individuals may, on a case-by-case basis, request deferred action from U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services (USCIS) or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in certain circumstances, consistent with longstanding practice.

**Q70: How will ICE and USCIS handle cases involving individuals who do not satisfy the guidelines of this process but believe they may warrant an exercise of prosecutorial discretion under the June 2011 Prosecutorial Discretion Memoranda?**

A70: If USCIS determines that you do not satisfy the guidelines or otherwise determines you do not warrant an exercise of prosecutorial discretion, then it will decline to defer action in your case. If you are currently in removal proceedings, have a final order, or have a voluntary departure order, you may then request ICE consider whether to exercise prosecutorial discretion.

**Q71: How should I fill out question 9 on Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization?**

A71. When you are filing a Form I-765 as part of a DACA request, question 9 is asking you to list those Social Security numbers that were officially issued to you by the Social Security Administration.

**Q72: Will there be supervisory review of decisions by USCIS under this process?**

A72: Yes. USCIS has implemented a successful supervisory review process to ensure a consistent process for considering requests for DACA.

**Q73: Will USCIS personnel responsible for reviewing requests for DACA receive special training?**

A73: Yes. USCIS personnel responsible for considering requests for consideration of DACA have received special training.

**Q74: Must attorneys and accredited representatives who provide pro bono services to deferred action requestors at group assistance events file a Form G-28 with USCIS?**

A74: Under 8 C.F.R. §§ 292.3 and 1003.102, practitioners are required to file a Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative when they engage in practice in immigration matters before DHS, either in person or through the preparation or filing of any brief, application, petition, or other document. Under these rules, a practitioner who consistently violates the requirement to file a Form G-28 may be subject to disciplinary sanctions; however on Feb. 28, 2011, USCIS issued a statement indicating that it does not intend to initiate disciplinary proceedings against practitioners (attorneys and accredited representatives) based solely on the failure to submit a Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative (Form G-28) in relation to pro bono services provided at group assistance events. DHS is in the process of issuing a final rule at which time this matter will be reevaluated.

**Q75: When must an individual sign a Form I-821D as a preparer?**

A75: Anytime someone other than the requestor prepares or helps fill out the Form I-821D, that individual must complete Part 5 of the form.

**Q76: If I provide my employee with information regarding his or her employment to support a request for consideration of DACA, will that information be used for immigration enforcement purposes against me and/or my company?**

A76: You may, as you determine appropriate, provide individuals requesting DACA with documentation which verifies their employment. This information will not be shared with ICE for civil immigration enforcement purposes under section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (relating to unlawful employment) unless there is evidence of egregious violations of criminal statutes or widespread abuses.

**Q77: Can I request consideration for deferred action under this process if I live in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)?**

A77: Yes, in certain circumstances. The CNMI is part of the United States for immigration purposes and is not excluded from this process. However, because of the specific guidelines for consideration of DACA, individuals who have been residents of the CNMI are in most cases unlikely to qualify for the program. You must, among other things, have come to the United States before your 16th birthday and have resided continuously in the United States since June 15, 2007.

Under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, the CNMI became part of the United States for purposes of immigration law only on Nov. 28, 2009. Therefore entry into, or residence in, the CNMI before that date is not entry into, or residence in, the United States for purposes of the DACA process.

USCIS has used parole authority in a variety of situations in the CNMI to address particular humanitarian needs on a case-by-case basis since Nov. 28, 2009. If you live in the CNMI and believe that you meet the guidelines for consideration of deferred action under this process, except that your entry and/or residence to the CNMI took place entirely or in part before Nov. 28, 2009, USCIS is willing to consider your situation on a case-by-case basis for a grant of parole. If this situation applies to you, you should make an appointment through [INFOPASS](#) with the USCIS ASC in Saipan to discuss your case with an immigration officer.

**Q78: Someone told me if I pay them a fee, they can expedite my DACA request. Is this true?**

A78: No. There is no expedited processing for deferred action. Dishonest practitioners may promise to provide you with faster services if you pay them a fee. These people are trying to scam you and take your money. Visit our [Avoid Scams](#) page to learn how you can protect yourself from immigration scams.

Make sure you seek information about requests for consideration of DACA from official government sources such as USCIS or the DHS. If you are seeking legal advice, visit our [Find Legal Services](#) page to learn how to choose a licensed attorney or accredited representative.

**Q79: Am I required to register with the Selective Service?**

A79: Most male persons residing in the U.S., who are ages 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. Please see link for more information. [[Selective Service](#)].

**Q80: How can I tell if an employer is discriminating against me because I am a DACA recipient?**

A80: An employer may be engaging in discrimination if the employer:

- Demands that an employee show specific documents or asks for more or different documents than are required to complete [Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification](#), or create an [E-Verify](#) case; or
- Rejects documents from the Lists of Acceptable Documents that reasonably appear to be genuine and relate to the employee, including a work authorization document because it has a future expiration date or because of an employee's prior unauthorized status.

The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice has an office dedicated to ensuring that employers do not discriminate against individuals who are permitted to work in the U.S. These include DACA recipients who have been granted work authorization. If you think your employer may be discriminating against you, contact the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER) at 1-800-255-7688 (TDD for the deaf and hard of hearing: 1-800-237-2515).

For more information about unfair employment practices against DACA recipients, please read IER's factsheet in [English \(PDF\)](#) or [Spanish \(PDF\)](#).

For additional resources and information about workers' rights, visit [www.justice.gov/crt/worker-information](http://www.justice.gov/crt/worker-information).

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## DACA Renewal Process

- Generally, renewal of DACA is available to DACA recipients who:
  - Met the [initial 2012 DACA guidelines](#) and the DACA recipient:
  - Did not depart the United States on or after Aug. 15, 2012, without advance parole;
  - Has continuously resided in the United States since submitting his/her most recent DACA request that was approved; and
  - Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.
  
- DACA recipients wanting to renew DACA should:
  - Complete and sign: [Form I-821D](#), Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
  - **Use the most recent version of Form I-821D on our website or USCIS will reject your form.**
  - [Form I-765](#), Application for Employment Authorization
  - [Form I-765W Worksheet \(PDF, 235 KB\)](#)
  - Follow the instructions on all three forms to submit them to USCIS. Make sure you submit the correct fees.
  - **Additional Documents**
  - DACA renewal requestors do not need to submit any additional documents at the time he/she requests renewal unless:
    - The requestor has **new** documents involving removal proceedings or criminal history that you did not already submit to USCIS in a previously approved DACA request.
    - Additionally, DACA renewal requestors do not need to complete certain portions of the I-821D and/or provide more limited information in other Parts. For example, Form I-821D Part 3 is for “initial requestors only.”
  
- DACA renewal recommend filing time period:
  - USCIS has historically recommended that DACA renewal requestors submit their renewal request between 150 days and 120 days before the expiration date located on their current Form I-797 DACA approval notice and Employment Authorization Document (EAD).
  - USCIS’s processing goal for DACA renewals has been 120 days.
  - Historically, USCIS has allowed DACA renewal filings from DACA recipients whose most recent DACA has been expired for one year or less. If the requestor’s DACA has been expired for more than one year the individual would need to file a new DACA [initial](#) request.
  
- DACA renewals are processed in ELIS via the Streamlined Process (SP).
  - Historically, approvals were held in an Approval Queue in ELIS until the requestor’s current DACA period was within 150 days of expiration.
    - This approval hold function is being removed. DACA renewals will be valid for two years as of the date of adjudication.



























































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# DACA Renewals

SCOPS-HQ, June 2014

This training presentation is solely intended for officers who have been trained in initial DACA processing.



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# I. Initial and Renewal DACA at a Glance



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## Initial DACA Guidelines

Individuals may request consideration of DACA if they

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making their request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

## Renewal DACA

Individuals may request consideration for renewal DACA if they met initial DACA guidelines and:

- Did not depart the United States on or after August 15, 2012, without advance parole;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since they submitted their most recent request for DACA that was approved up to the present time; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.



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Initial DACA Filing	Renewal DACA Filing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals;</li> <li>• Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and</li> <li>• Form I-765W, Worksheet.</li> </ul> <p>FEE: The total fee for the forms is \$465. This includes a \$380 fee for Form I-765 and an \$85 biometric service fee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals;</li> <li>• Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and</li> <li>• Form I-765W, Worksheet.</li> </ul> <p>FEE: The total fee for the forms is \$465. This includes a \$380 fee for Form I-765 and an \$85 biometric service fee.</p>



**Initial DACA Filing cont.**

A complete DACA package must include evidence to satisfy all of the DACA guidelines.

The (c)(33) code will be used to distinguish DACA-related EADs.

The Lockbox will reject Form I-821D if it is not filed concurrently with Form I-765.

**Renewal DACA Filing cont.**

A complete DACA package must include *new* documents pertaining to removal proceedings or criminal history that have not been already submitted to USCIS in a previously approved DACA request.

The (c)(33) code will be used to distinguish DACA-related EADs.

The Lockbox will reject Form I-821D if it is not filed concurrently with Form I-765.



# Authority for Deferred Action

Under INA 103, the Secretary has the authority to administer the immigration laws.

- Includes the authority for the Secretary to exercise his or her discretion in deciding when and how to remove individuals from the United States.

There are no specific deferred action provisions in the statute or the regulations.

- Deferred action is not an immigration benefit and does not confer any lawful status nor does it excuse any previous or subsequent periods of unlawful presence.
- Deferred action does not lead to any status.
- Deferred action simply means that action to remove someone is deferred and that the decision to pursue removal may be revisited at some point in the future.



# Authority and Intent for DACA

## DACA is Derred Action for Childhood Arrivals

On June 15, 2012, then Secretary Napolitano issued a memo to CBP, USCIS, and ICE, describing the guidelines for exercising prosecutorial discretion in cases involving certain young people who arrived in the United States as children.

The intent behind the Secretary's memorandum is to prioritize resources on high priority removal cases such as criminal aliens and aliens who pose threats to public safety or national security.

There is a basic recognition that a child who crossed our border illegally with a parent, or in search of a parent, or a better life, was not making an adult choice to break our laws.



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# DACA Terms

Since deferred action is not a benefit, different terms are used for DACA.

Instead of:

- *Application*, use request.
- *Applicant*, use requestor (or DACA requestor).
- *Must, should, or shall*, use is to be.



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# DACA Renewal

- In September 2014, the first individuals who received DACA from USCIS will begin to have their DACA and employment authorization expire.
- If DACA and the EAD expire, individuals will again accrue unlawful presence for any time between the periods of deferred action and will not be authorized to work in the United States.
- USCIS is currently accepting requests for both initial and renewal DACA.
- Initial and Renewal DACA are each valid for a period of two years.



# II. Renewal Intake and Workflow



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# Key Steps in DACA Renewal Process Flow



# III. Forms, Fees, and Required Information for DACA Renewals



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# The DACA Renewal Request

## Each DACA renewal request must include:

- Form I-821D, *Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*; Expiration Date 6/30/2016
- Form I-765, *Application for Employment Authorization*
- Form I-765 Worksheet
- ❖ Total fee of \$465 or proof of fee exemption approval. There is no filing fee for the Form I-821D . However DACA requestors must submit both the \$380 filing and \$85 biometric services fee for the Form I-765.
- ❖ Fee exemption will appear as fee waived in GUI.



# The DACA Renewal Request

Files received over 150 days before expiration may be rejected.

- Requestors should file around 120 days prior to the expiration of their current deferred action.
- Requestors should submit only *new* documents that pertain to **removal proceedings** or **criminal history**, if applicable.
- Requestors are *not* required to re-submit evidence that was already submitted.



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# The DACA Renewal Request

All requestors must complete Parts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6\*, 7\*, 8\*

Part 3 is for initial DACA filings *only*

\*these parts if applicable



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# IV. Background and Security Checks



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# Background Check



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# Background Check



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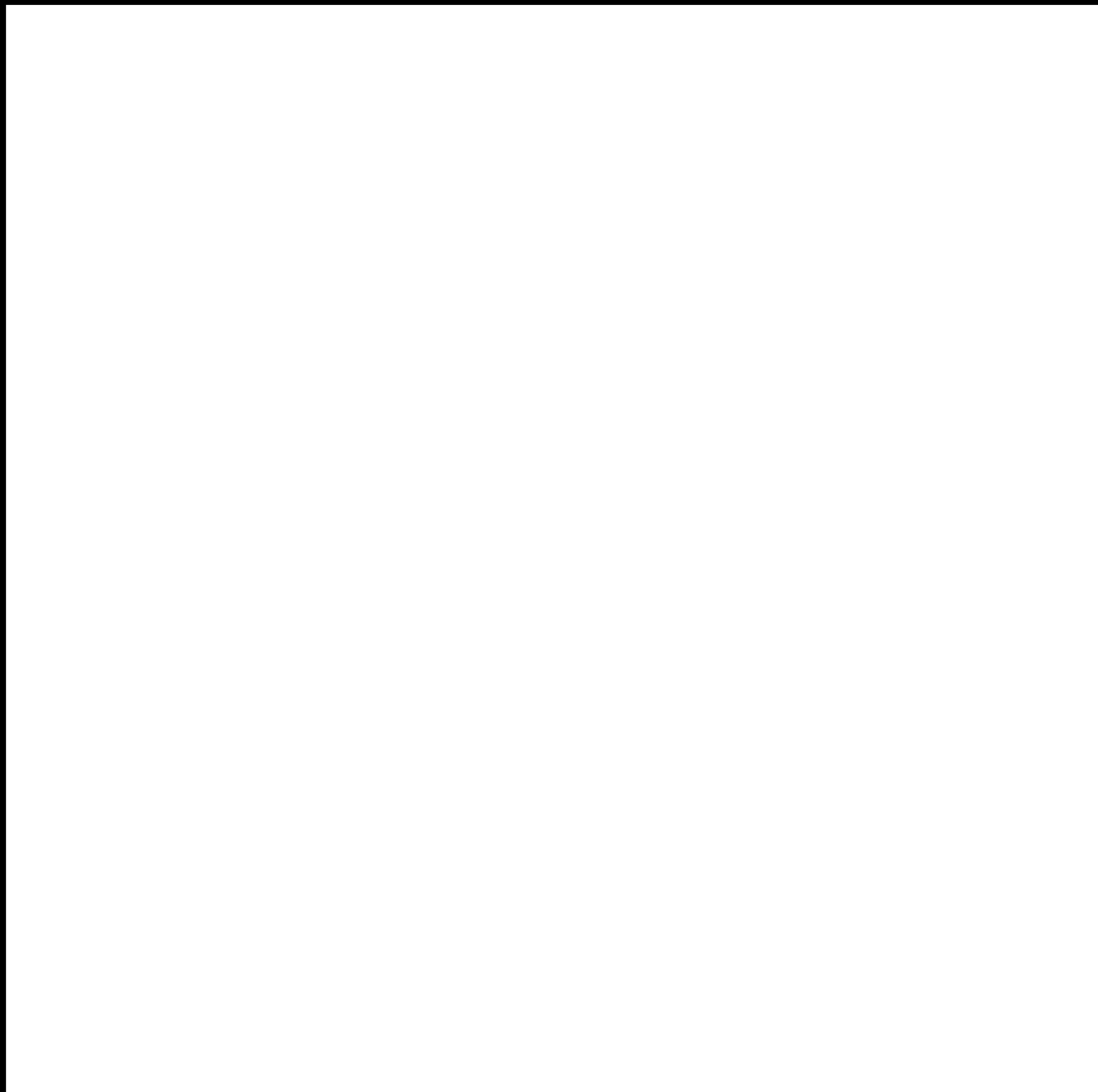


# Fingerprints and Rap Sheets



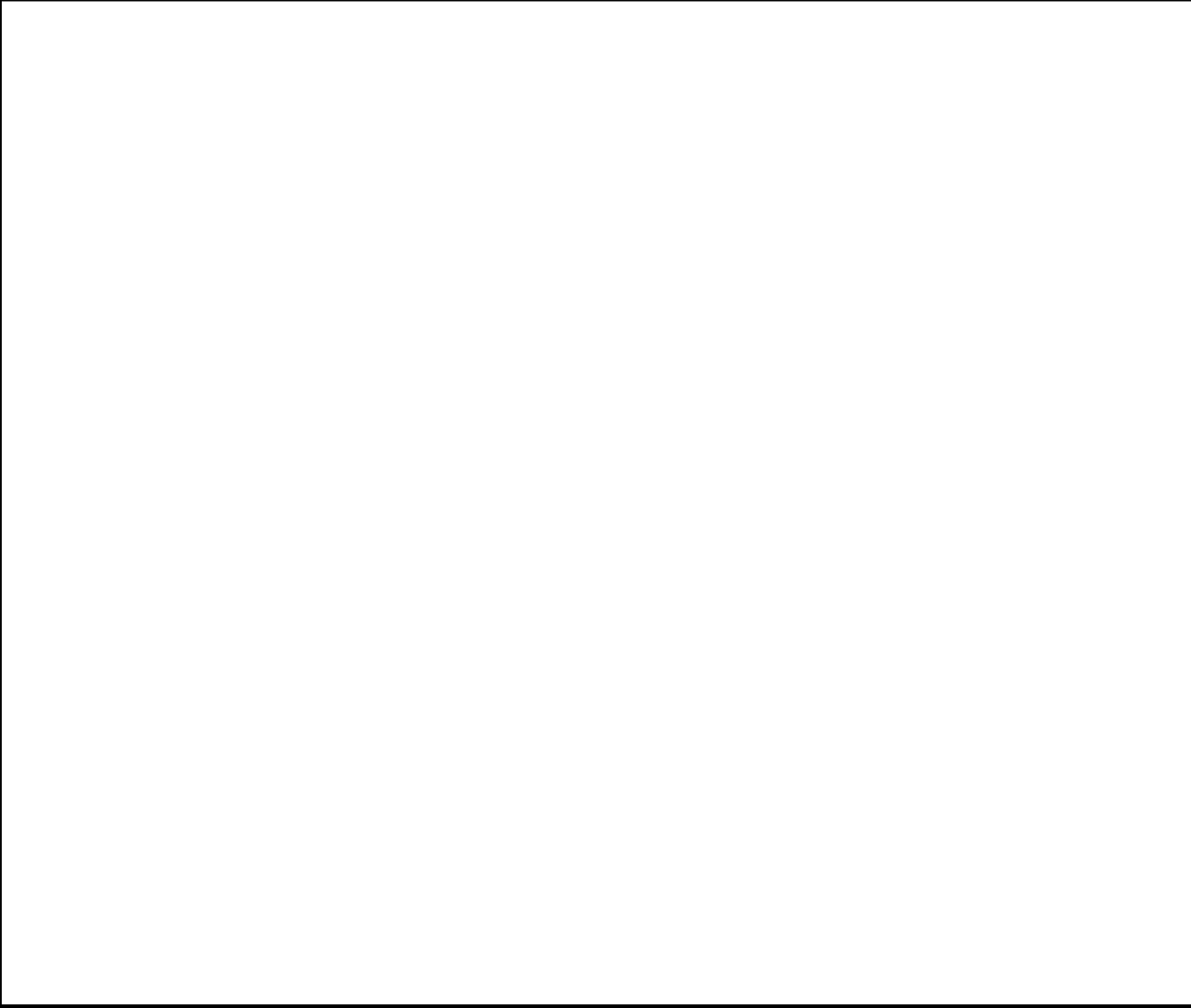
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# Understanding Fingerprint Query Results

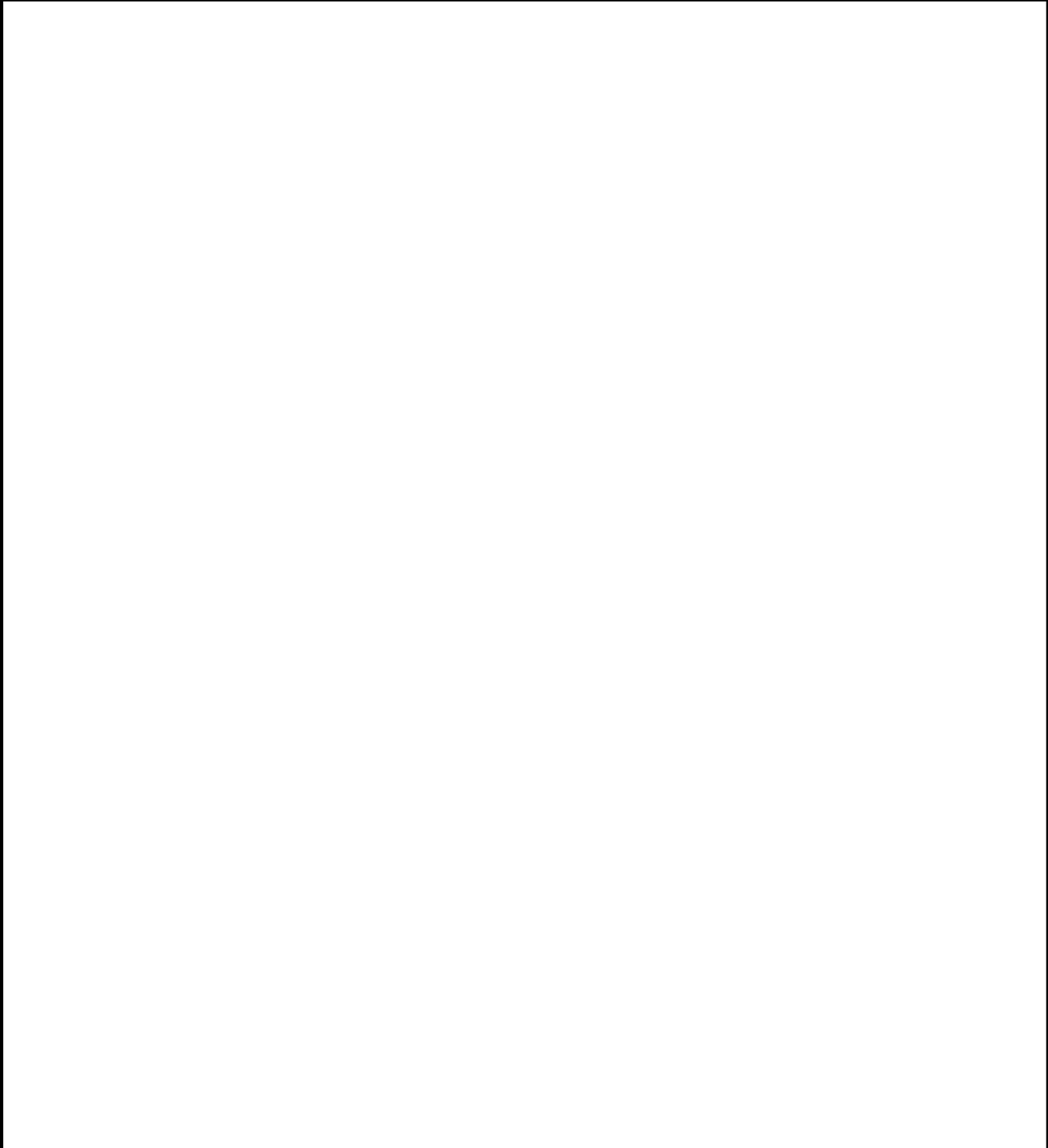


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# RAP Sheet: Accuracy and Completeness Concerns



# Background Check cont.



# Background Check cont.

## Questions to ask:



# V. Adjudicating DACA Renewals



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# International Travel

Any unauthorized travel on or after August 15, 2012 automatically disqualifies the individual from receiving a renewal of DACA.

Travel outside the United States without advance parole while the DACA renewal request is pending will result in abandonment of the request.

DACA terminates automatically upon international travel without a valid grant of advance parole as of the date of departure from the United States.



# Effect of Travel Outside the U.S. on or After 8/15/12

## Removal information

If an individual is under an order of voluntary departure or deportation, exclusion, or removal **and** was physically removed by ICE **or** voluntarily departed the U.S. while their Form I-821D was pending with USCIS **and such departure was witnessed by a DHS official**, USCIS will deny the renewal request.



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# Criminal Issues Specific to DACA Renewals

An individual may not be considered for DACA renewal if he or she has been convicted of:

- A felony offense;
- A significant misdemeanor offense; or
- Three or more misdemeanors,

OR, poses a threat to national security or public safety;

UNLESS, USCIS determines there are exceptional circumstances.

**The determination that exceptional circumstances exist for deferral of removal under DACA will be made only at the USCIS HQ level and in extremely rare cases.**



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# Evaluating the Supporting Evidence



# Evaluating the Supporting Evidence



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# VI. Fraud and Misrepresentation



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# Fraud Review and Fraud Referrals



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## Fraud Review and Fraud Referrals cont.

In the immigration context, fraud is a willful misrepresentation of a material fact. An omission of a material fact can also constitute a willful misrepresentation, rising to the level of fraud.

When reviewing an immigration request, a finding of fraud is generally supported the by presence of the following six elements.

A finding of fraud is also supported when the immigration filing contains fraudulent documents that are germane.



## How to Evaluate Inconsistencies cont.

Applying the concept of the totality of the circumstances, officers should look at the DACA renewal request, the supporting documents (if any), the results of background and security checks, and any information obtained from routine systems checks.



# Potential Fraud Indicators

In the DACA context, examples of *potential* fraud indicators could include:

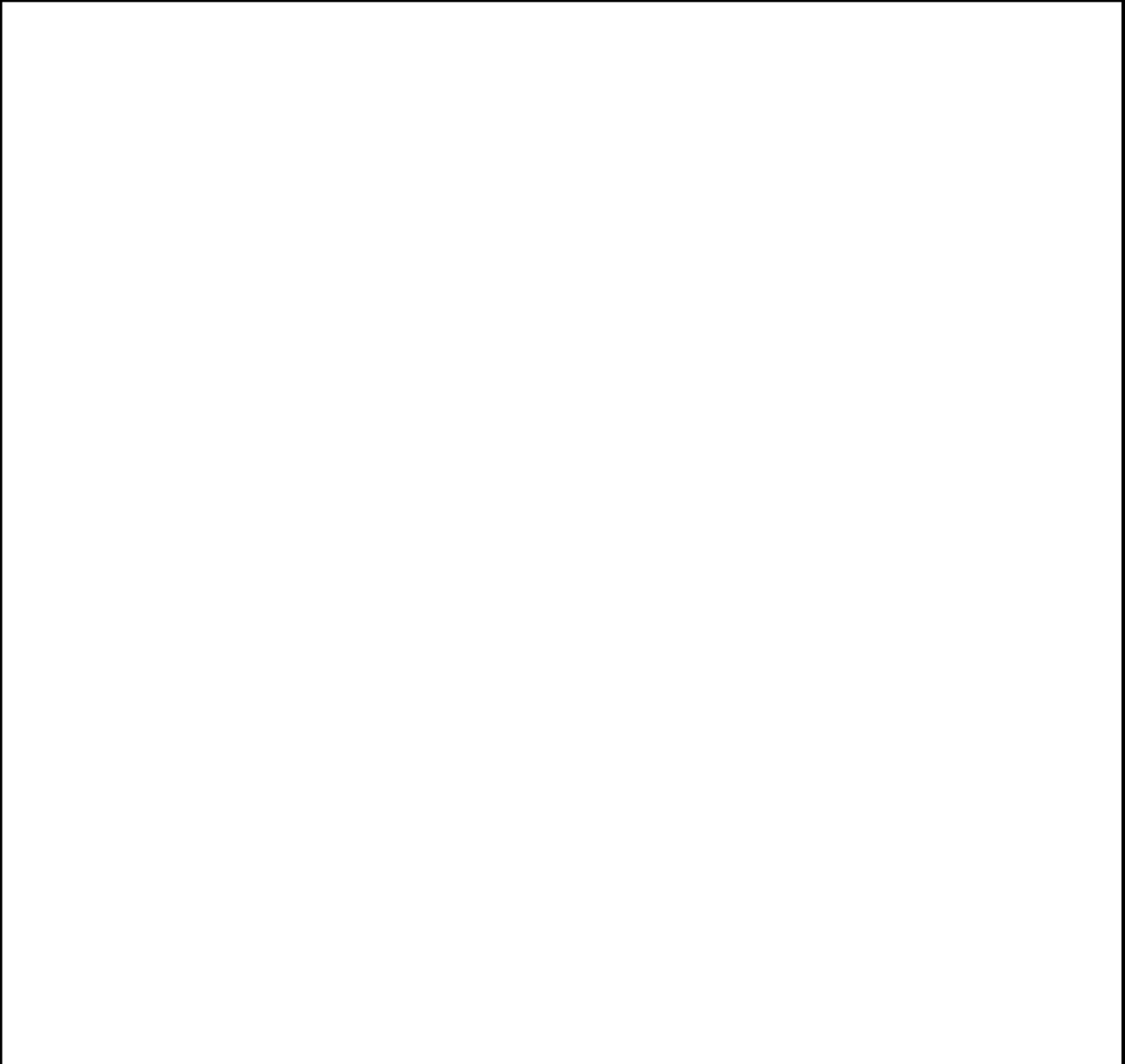




# FDNS in the DACA Renewal Process



# What Can You Can Expect From the CFDO



# VII. RFE and Plain Language Basics



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# RFEs

Use the standard DACA renewal RFE templates only.

- Officers should not insert any citations to statutes, regulations, case law, etc.

RFEs will have a neutral tone and weigh evidence to determine only whether the basic guidelines have been met.

Add appropriate additional language to inform the requestor:

1. What evidence was already submitted,
2. Why the previously submitted evidence is deficient, and
3. What evidence he/she needs to provide.



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# VIII. Employment Authorization Request



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# Employment Authorization under DACA



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# IX. Decision Systems Processing



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# Processing Decisions





# Processing Decisions BCU and CFDO C3 codes



# Processing Decisions – Denials



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# Processing Decisions – Annotation of Reason for a Discretionary DACA Denial



# X. Responding to Requests to Review Certain Denials



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# Requests for Review

- DACA renewal requestors cannot file a Motion to Reopen or Reconsider and cannot appeal denial of their Form I-821D.
- However, DACA renewal requestors may request review of certain denials if there is a claim that the denial was based on an administrative error. This is done by contacting the USCIS Call Center who will then create a service request using the Service Request Management Tool (SRMT) process.

The denial grounds that may be reviewed through the SRMT process include:

- The requestor did not appear to have biometrics collected at a USCIS ASC;
- The requestor did not request to have his/her biometrics appointment at a USCIS ASC rescheduled prior to the scheduled date;
- The requestor failed to pay the filing and biometric fees for the Form I-765; and
- The requestor failed to respond to an RFE (including claims the USCIS possibly mailed the RFE to the incorrect address).



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# XI. DACA Renewal Termination



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# DACA Renewal Termination

DACA is an exercise of prosecutorial discretion and deferred action may be terminated at any time, with or without a Notice of Intent to Terminate, at DHS's discretion.



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# DACA Renewal Termination





# DACA Renewal Termination – Fraud or Misrepresentation



# DACA Renewal Termination – Criminal, NS, or Public Safety Issues



# DACA Renewal Termination – Automatic Termination

DACA will automatically terminate if an individual travels outside of the United States on or after August 15, 2012 without a valid advance parole document as of the date of departure.



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# XII. Form I-131, Application for Travel Document



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# Advance Parole

Parole is the authorization to allow an otherwise inadmissible person to physically proceed into the United States under certain safeguards and controls. Parole is not an admission.

Parole is granted on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.

Advance parole is generally granted prior to the individual's departure from the United States to authorize that person to seek temporary parole upon his/her return to the United States following a brief absence.

The legal authority for parole is found in INA 212(d)(5)(A).



## Advance Parole cont.

Grants of advance parole to DACA recipients may be made based on the need to travel abroad for educational, employment, or humanitarian purposes.

- These categories are to be construed broadly, but must be supported with evidence demonstrating the need to travel.

A DACA renewal requestor may not concurrently file Form I-131 for advance parole with his/her DACA request.

A DACA recipient may file an advance parole request with a copy of the I-797 notice deferring removal under DACA.

These requirements also apply to DACA renewal requestors.



# Advance Parole Requested for Educational, Employment or Humanitarian Purposes

If the DACA recipient (initial or renewal) is requesting advance parole to travel for educational purposes, the individual must show that the travel will be undertaken for educational pursuits.

Examples: Semester abroad programs or travel necessary to conduct academic research.



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## Advance Parole Requested for Educational, Employment or Humanitarian Purposes cont.

If the DACA recipient (initial or renewal) is requesting advance parole to travel for employment purposes, the individual must show that the travel relates to fulfilling job requirements, including the pursuit of a position in the United States with a foreign employer.

Examples: Overseas assignments, interview, conference, or training; or a meeting with overseas clients.





# Advance Parole Requested for Educational, Employment or Humanitarian Purposes cont.

If the DACA recipient (initial or renewal) is requesting advance parole to travel for humanitarian purposes, the individual must show the travel is for emergent, compelling, or sympathetic circumstances.

Examples: Travel for medical reasons, to visit an ailing family member, to attend funeral services for a family member or for any other urgent familial purpose.



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# Advance Parole – Expedited Requests

As a general matter, expedite requests will not be granted.

However, in a dire emergency, and if properly documented and verified, if an individual were to appear at a local office, the local office has the option of processing the advance parole or working through established POCs at the Service Center under normal protocols.



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# Advance Parole – Impact of Travel Without Advance Parole on Renewals

If a DACA recipient travels outside of the United States on or after August 15, 2012 without first receiving advance parole, his or her departure automatically terminates DACA.



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## Advance Parole – Removal Proceedings cont.

Individuals in removal proceedings, including those with final removal orders, may be granted advance parole if the request meets the guidelines for advance parole consideration under DACA.

A departure made while under a final order of removal (including a voluntary departure order that converted automatically to a final removal order) renders that individual inadmissible under INA 212(a)(9)(A).



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## Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

# Objectives and Key Elements





# Key Resources



# I. DACA Overview



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# Module Objectives





# Authority for Deferred Action

Under INA 103, the Secretary has the authority to administer the immigration laws.



# Authority and Intent for DACA

DACA is Derred Action for Childhood Arrivals



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# DACA Terms



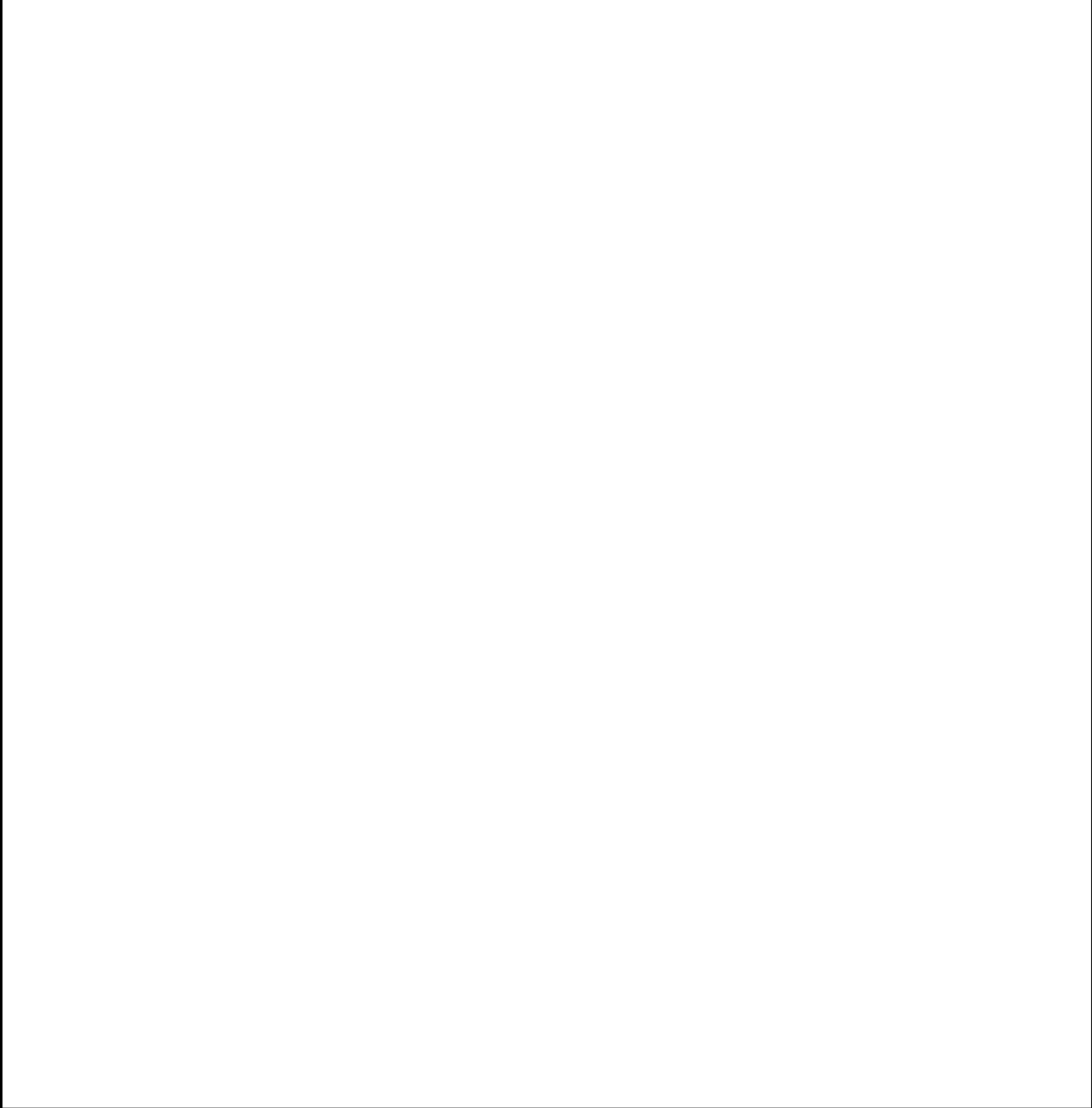


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Form I-821D allows USCIS to:



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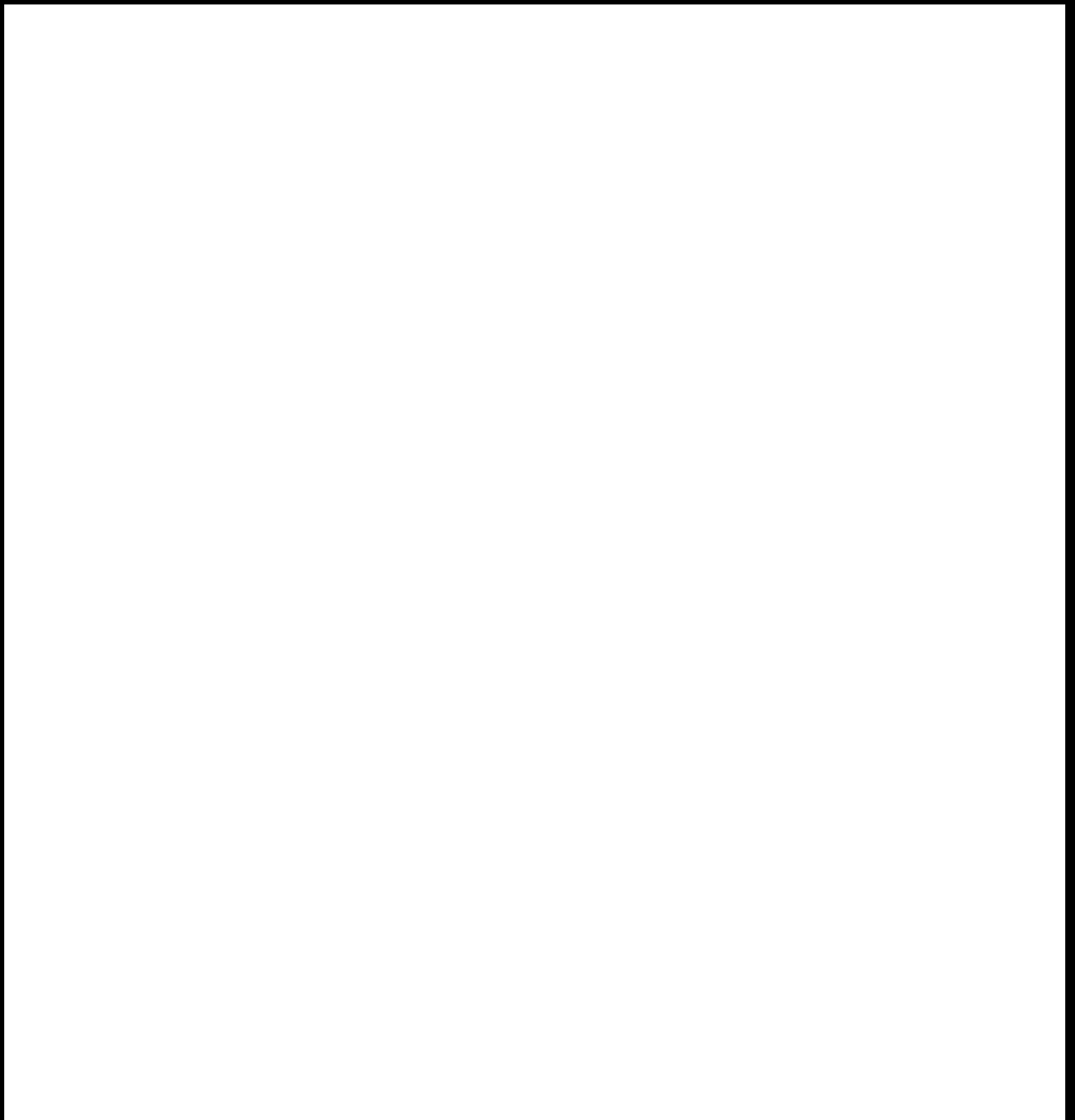


# DACA Challenges





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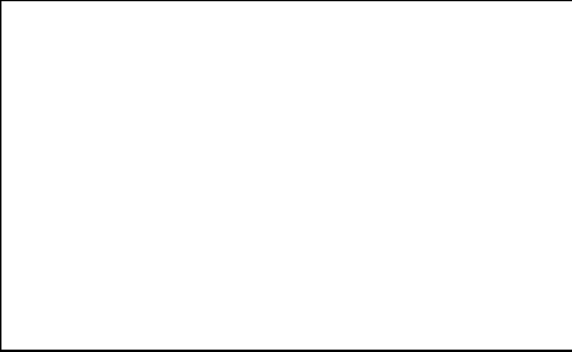


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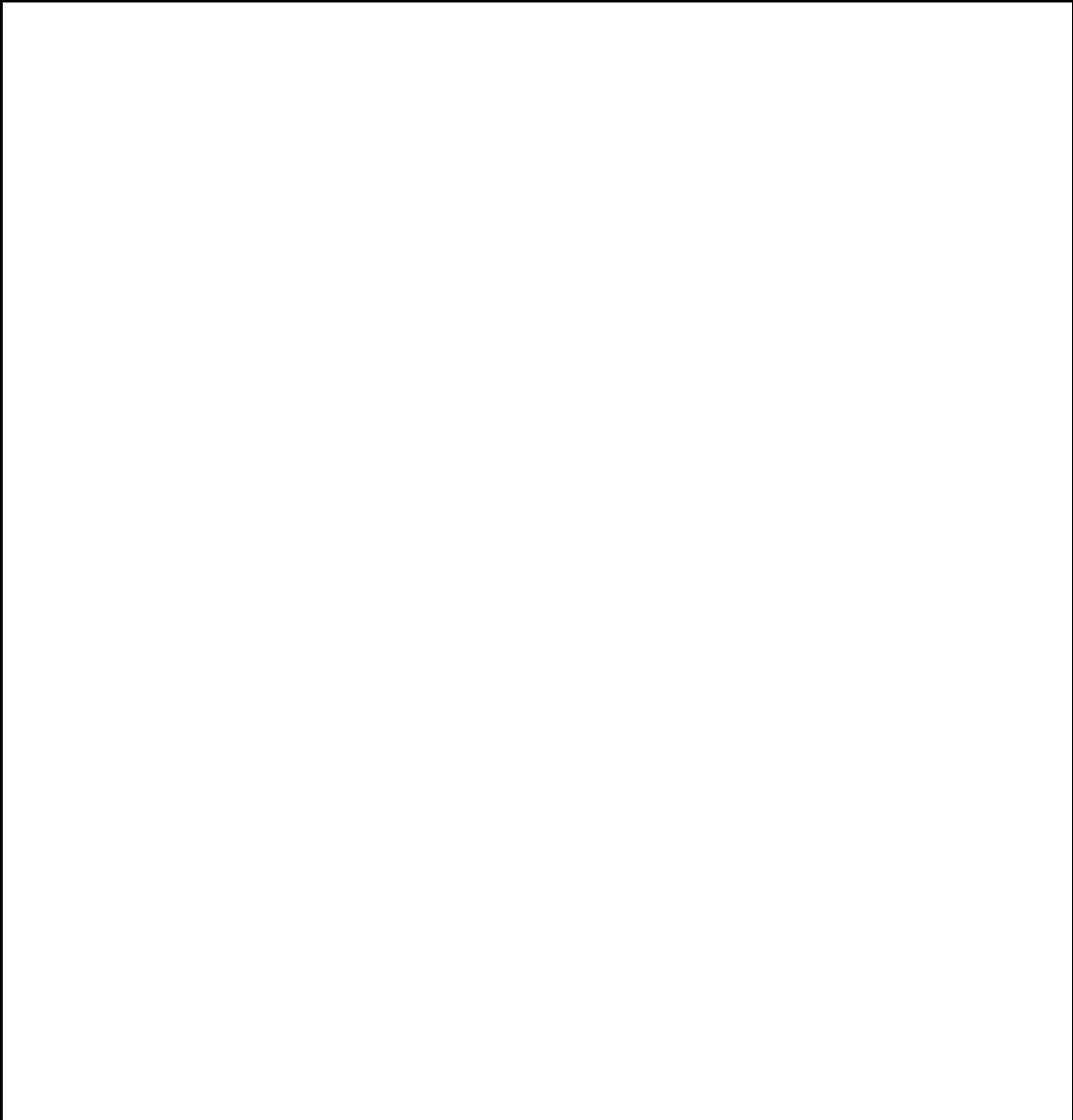
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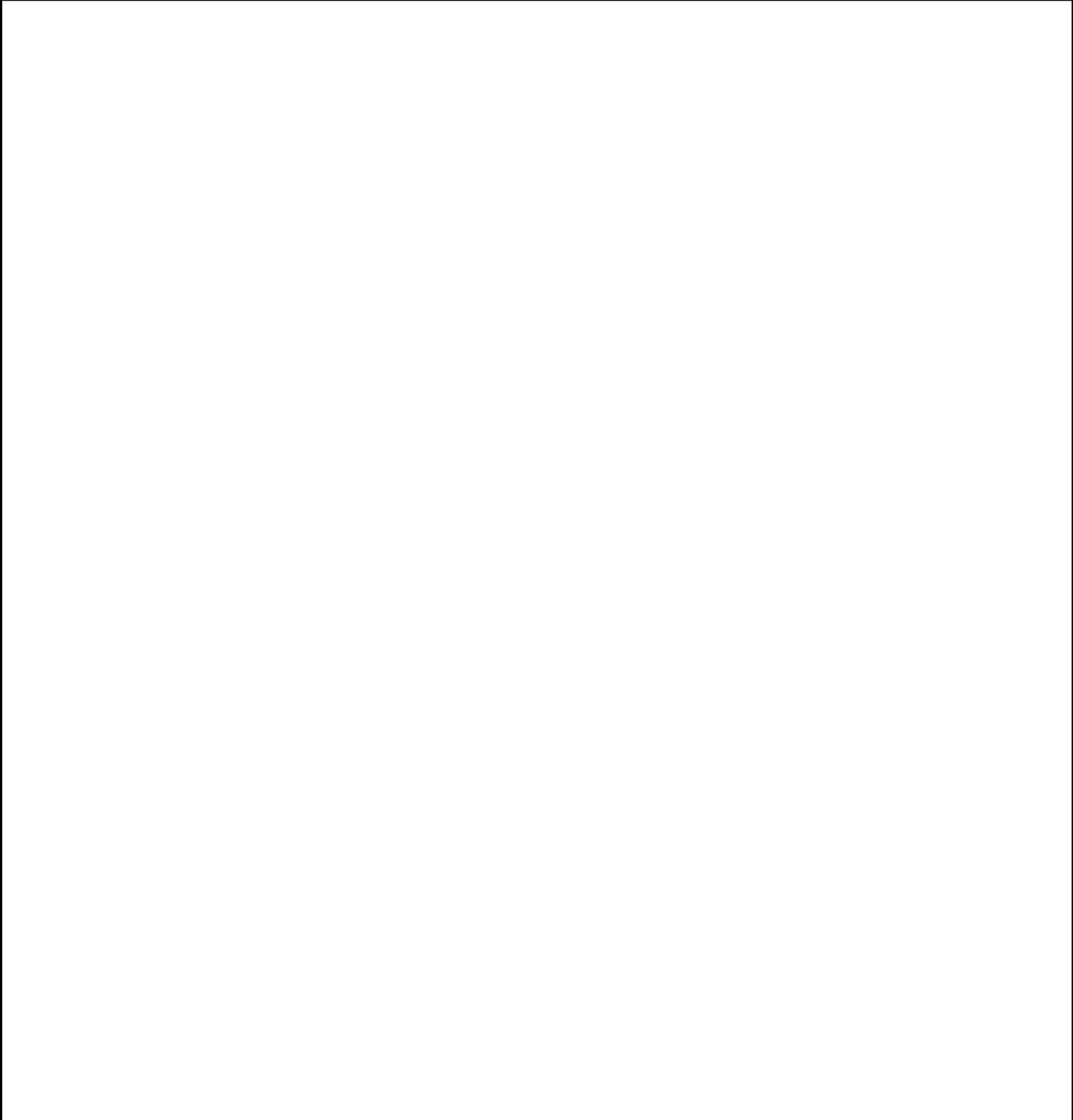




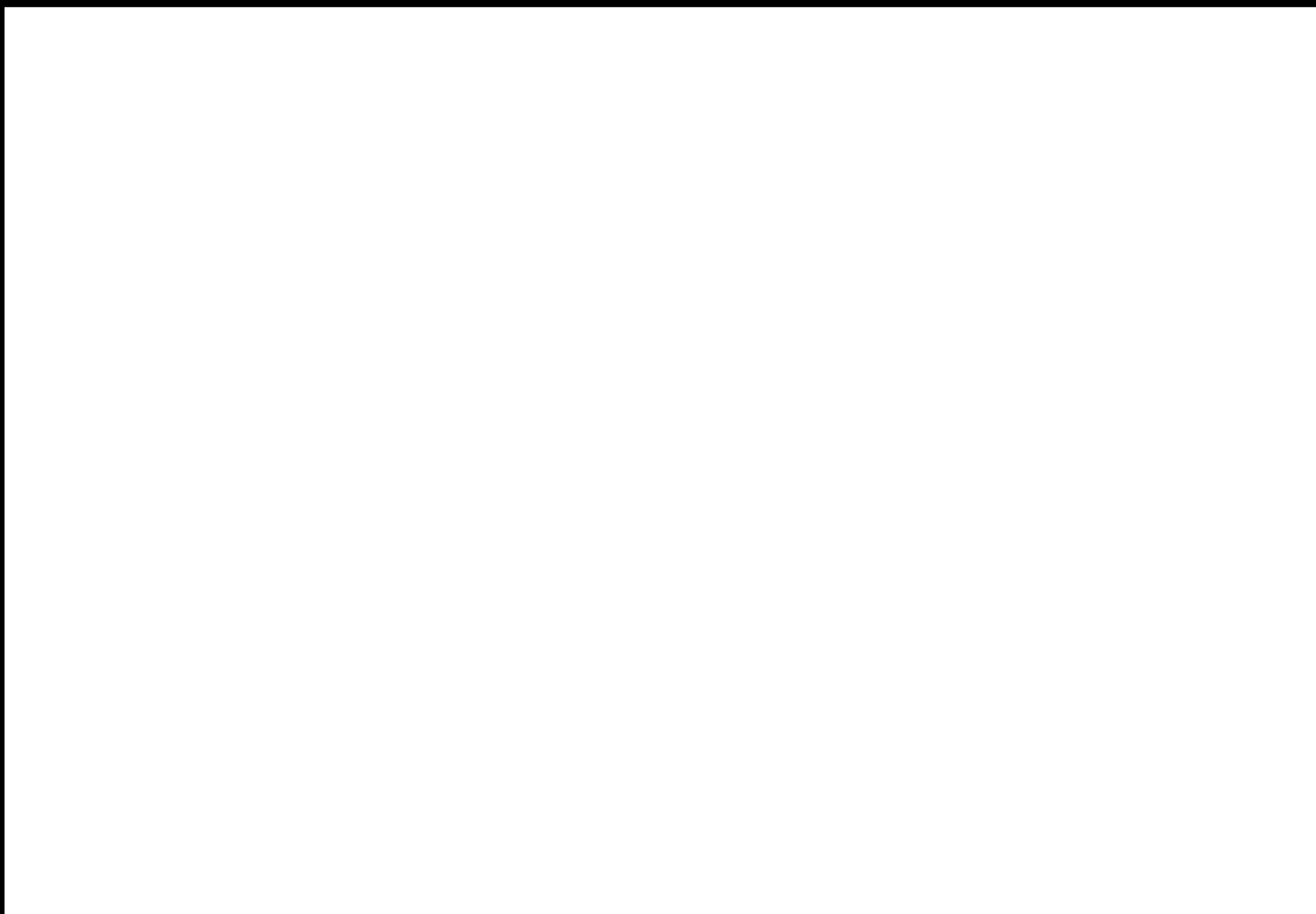
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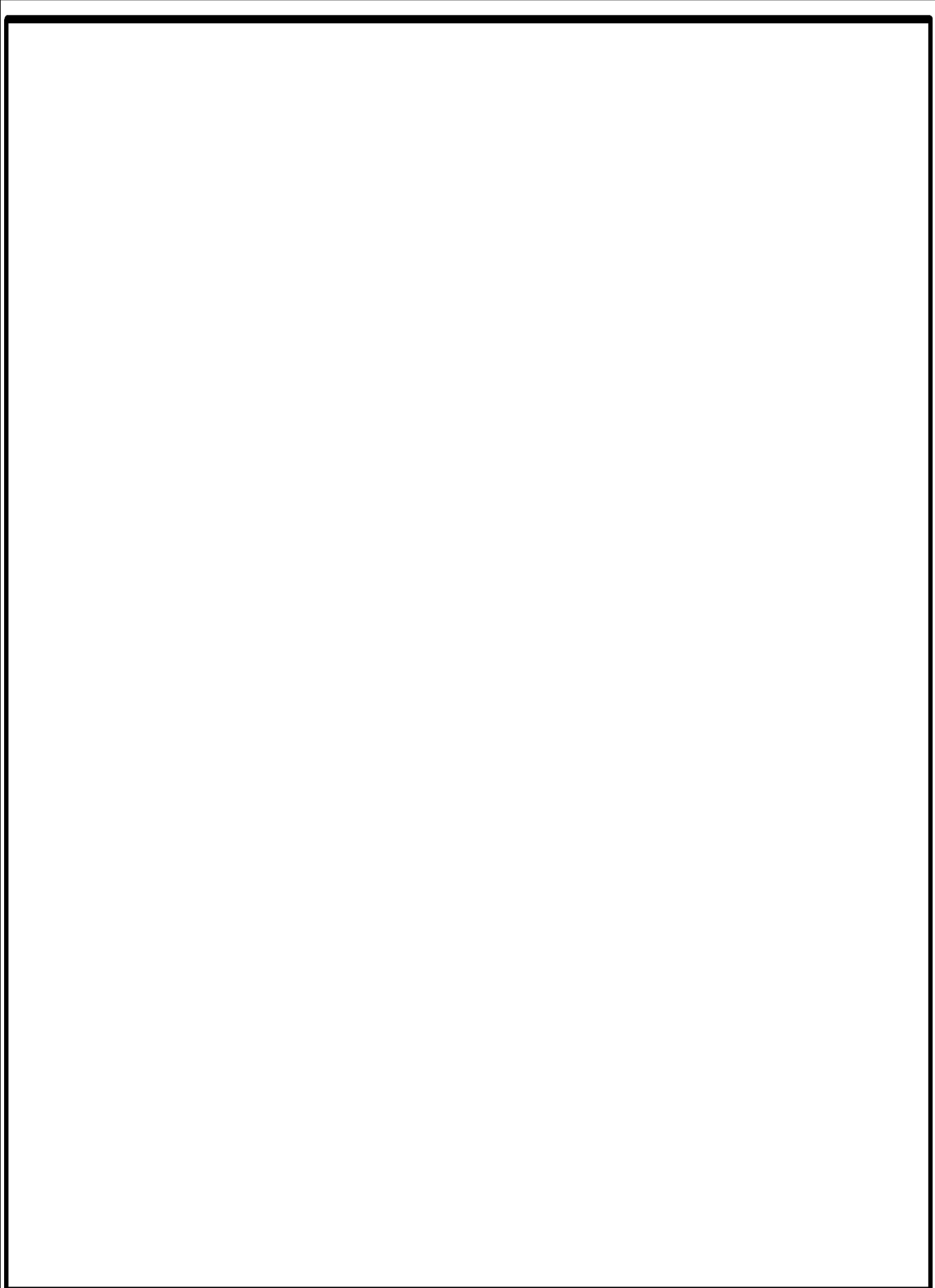
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# How Form I-821D Will be Displayed in C3



# A View of Form I-821D in C3



# III. Required Forms and Fees



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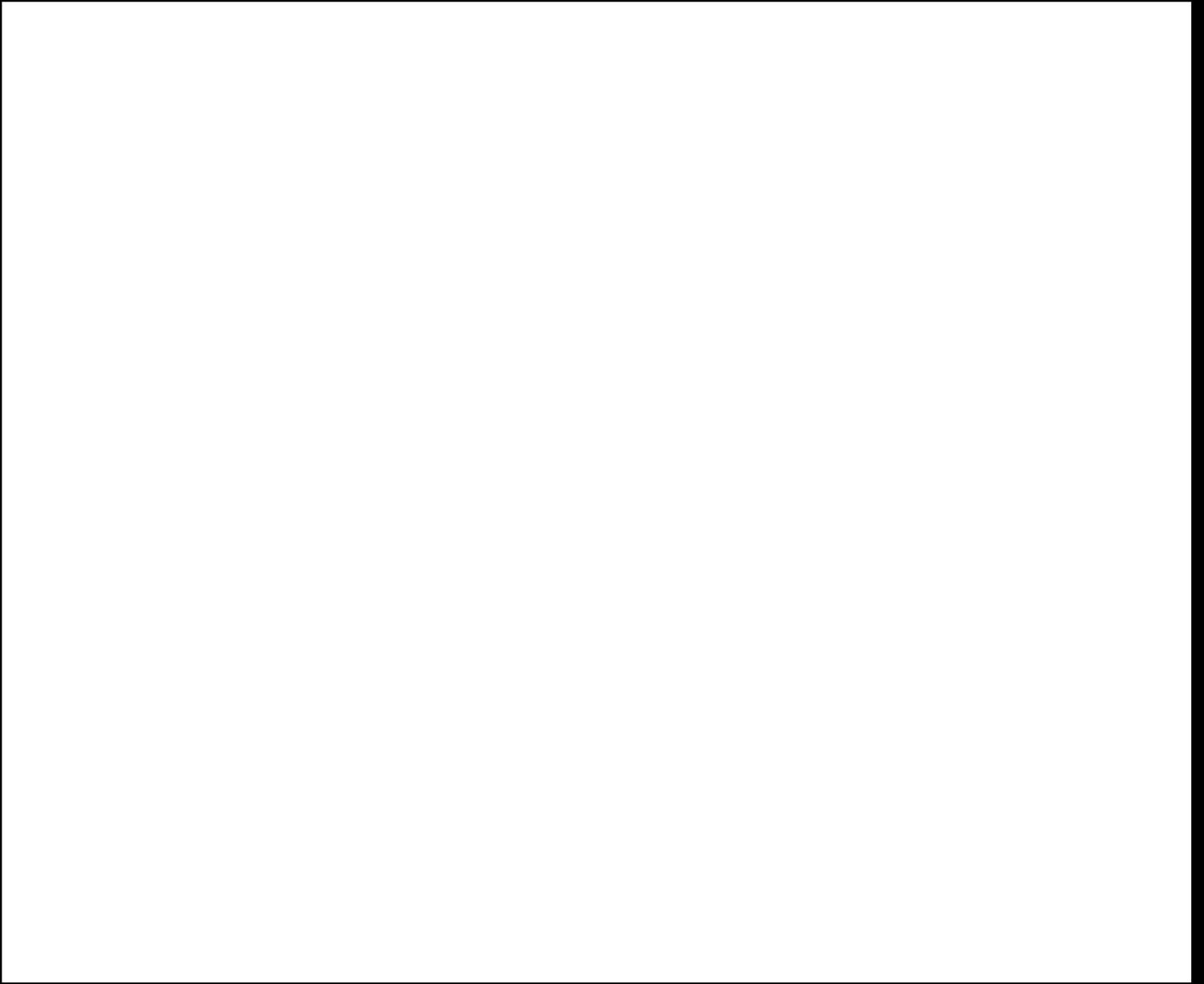
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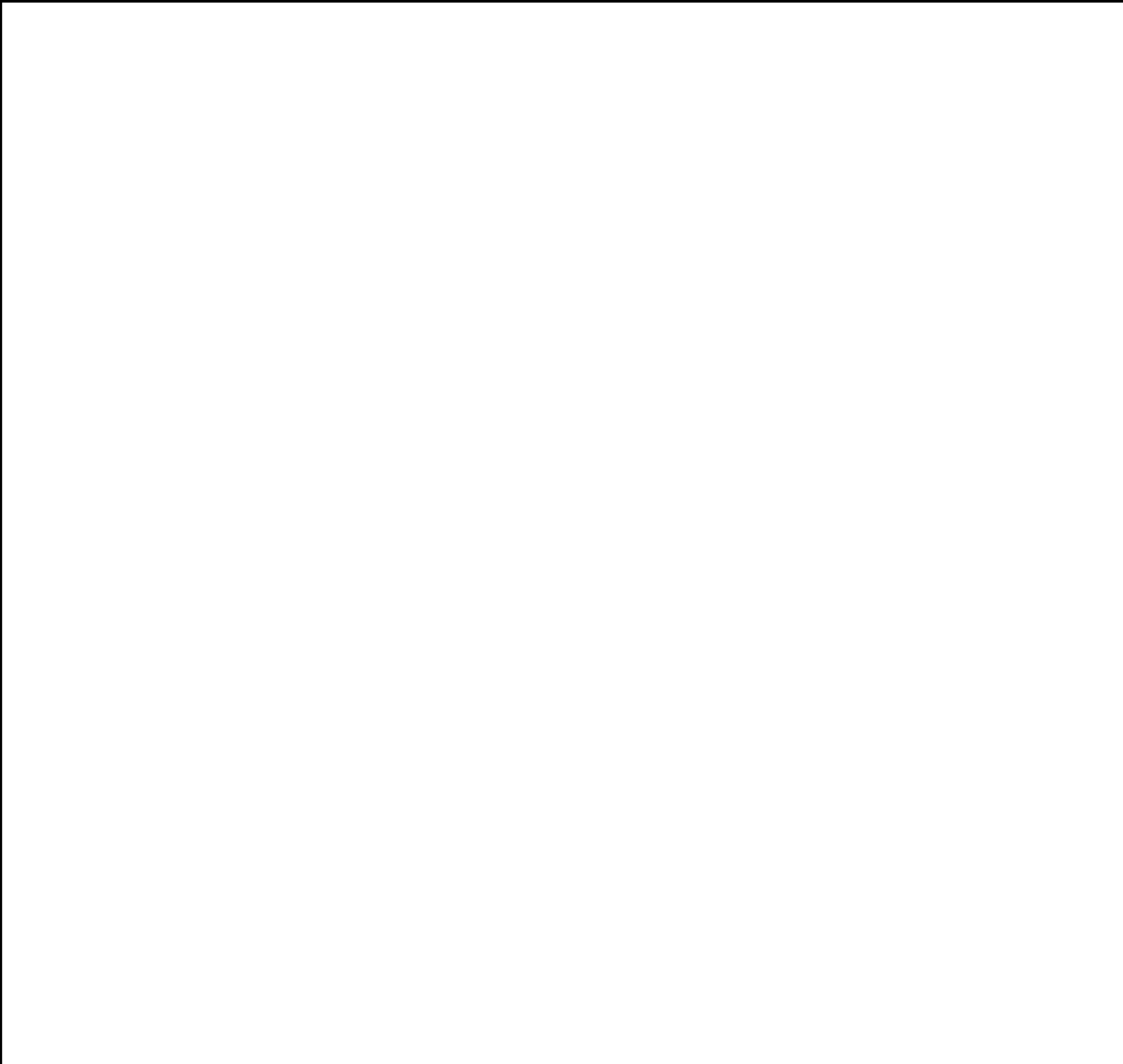


# The DACA Request





# The DACA Request (Continued)





# The DACA Request (Continued)



# IV. DACA Guidelines and Adjudicating the Request



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# Basic DACA Guidelines

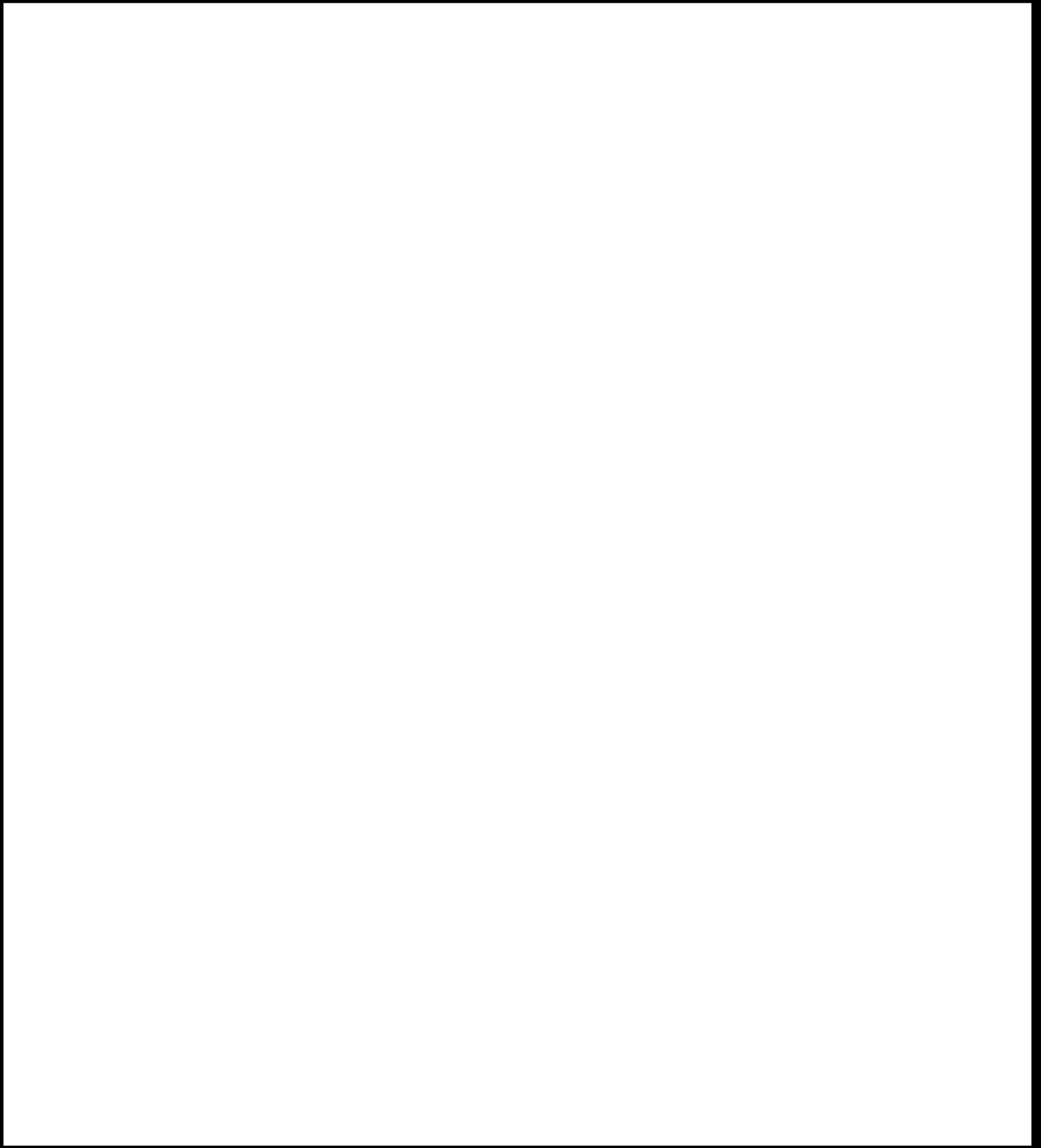


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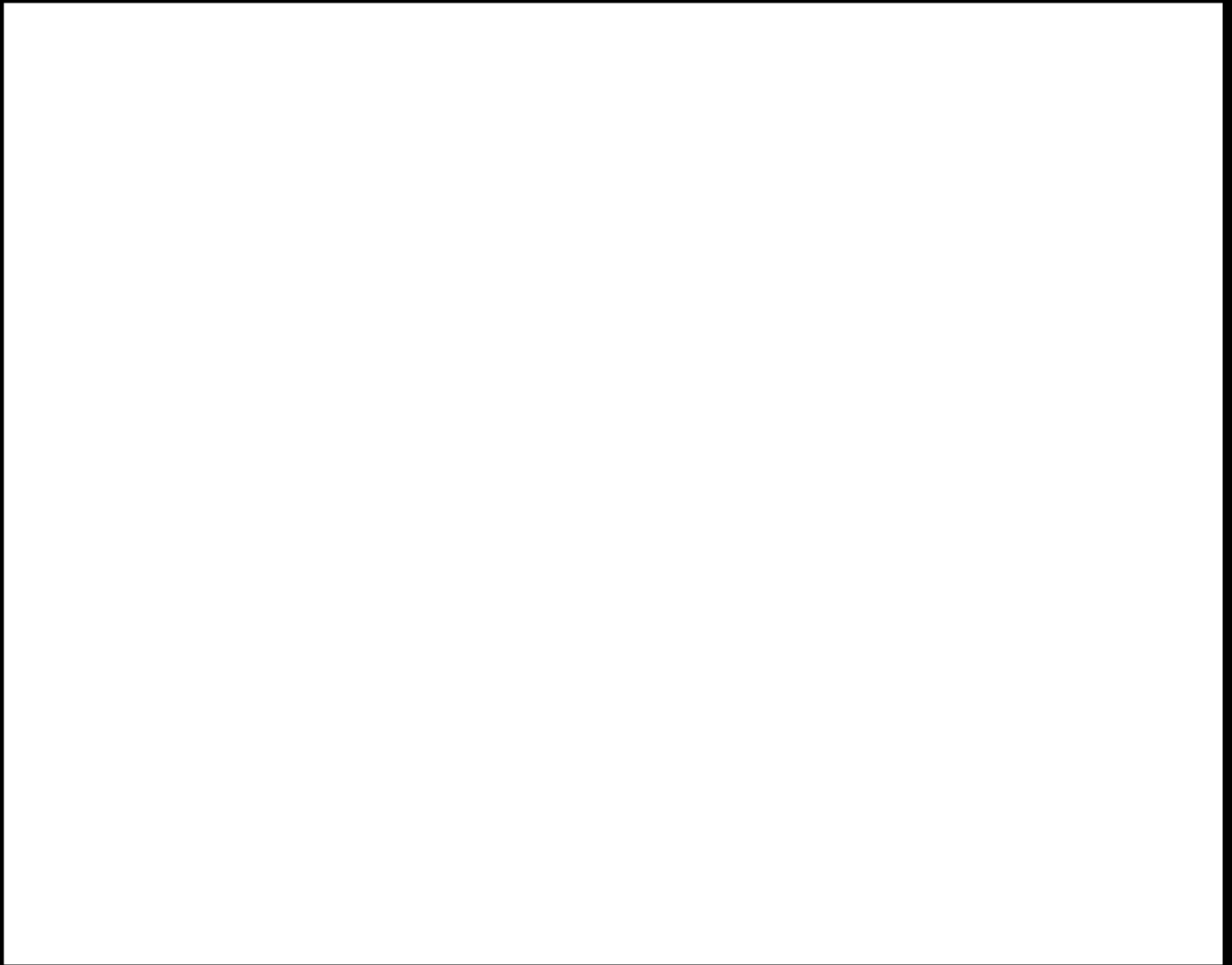


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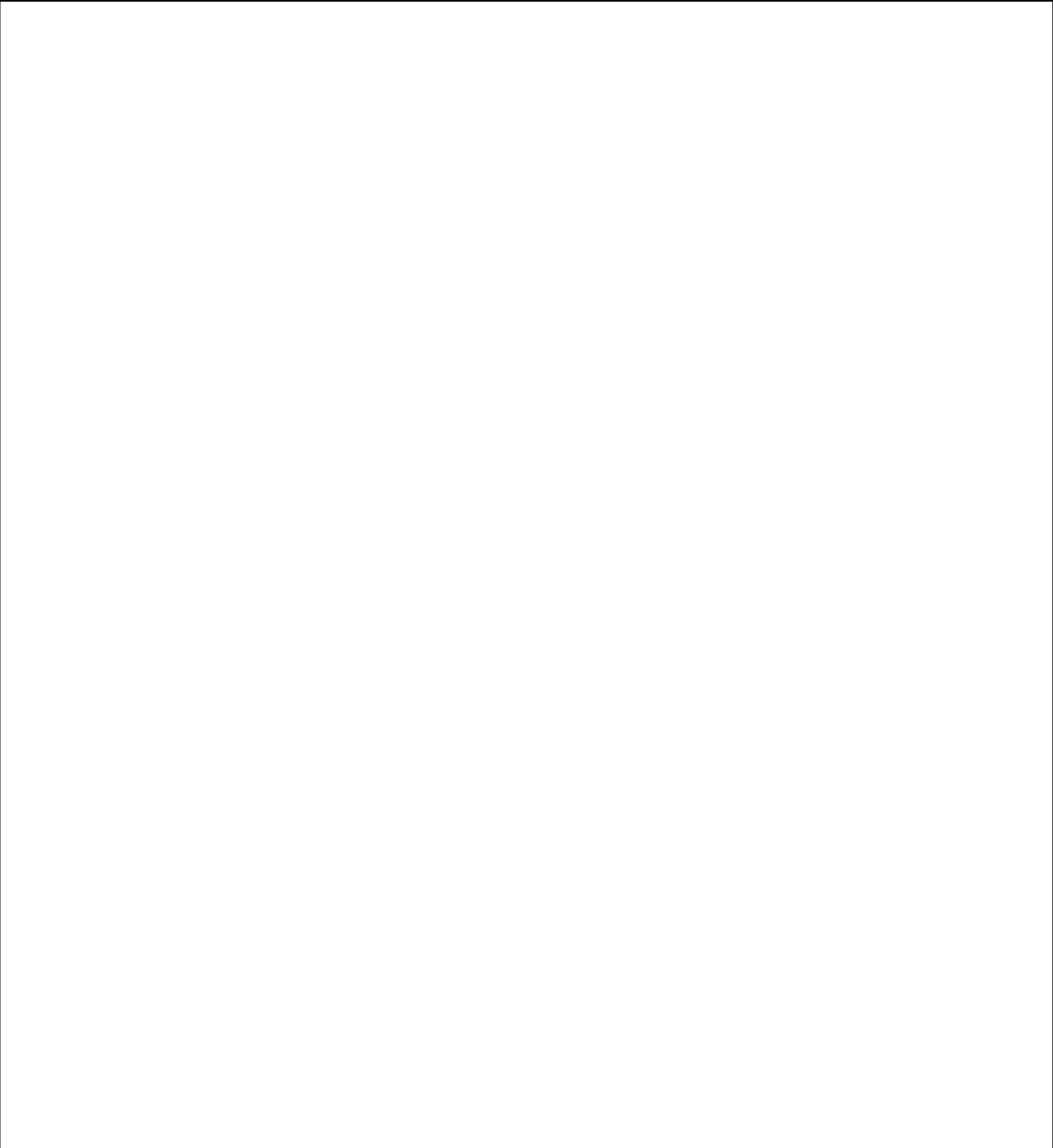


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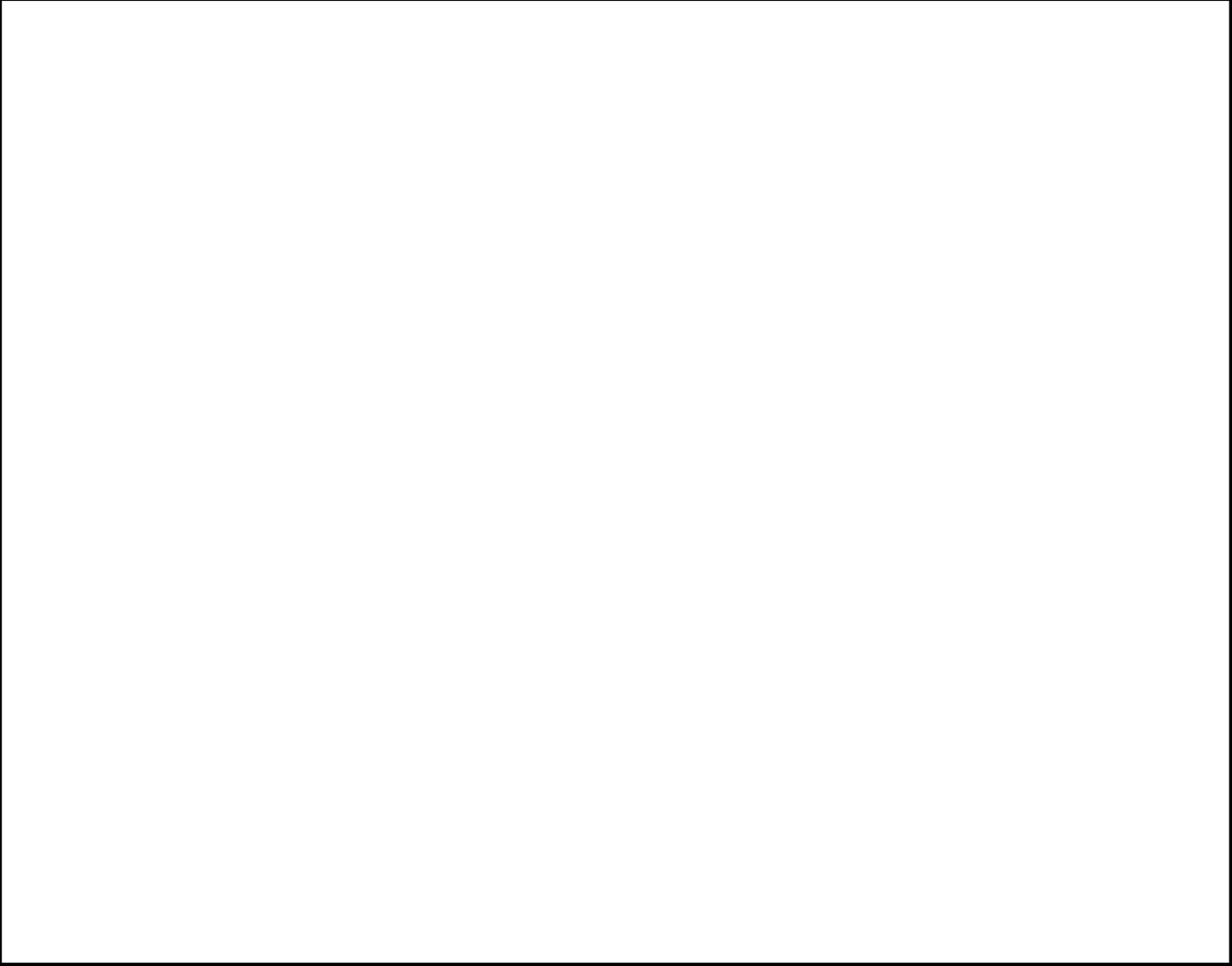
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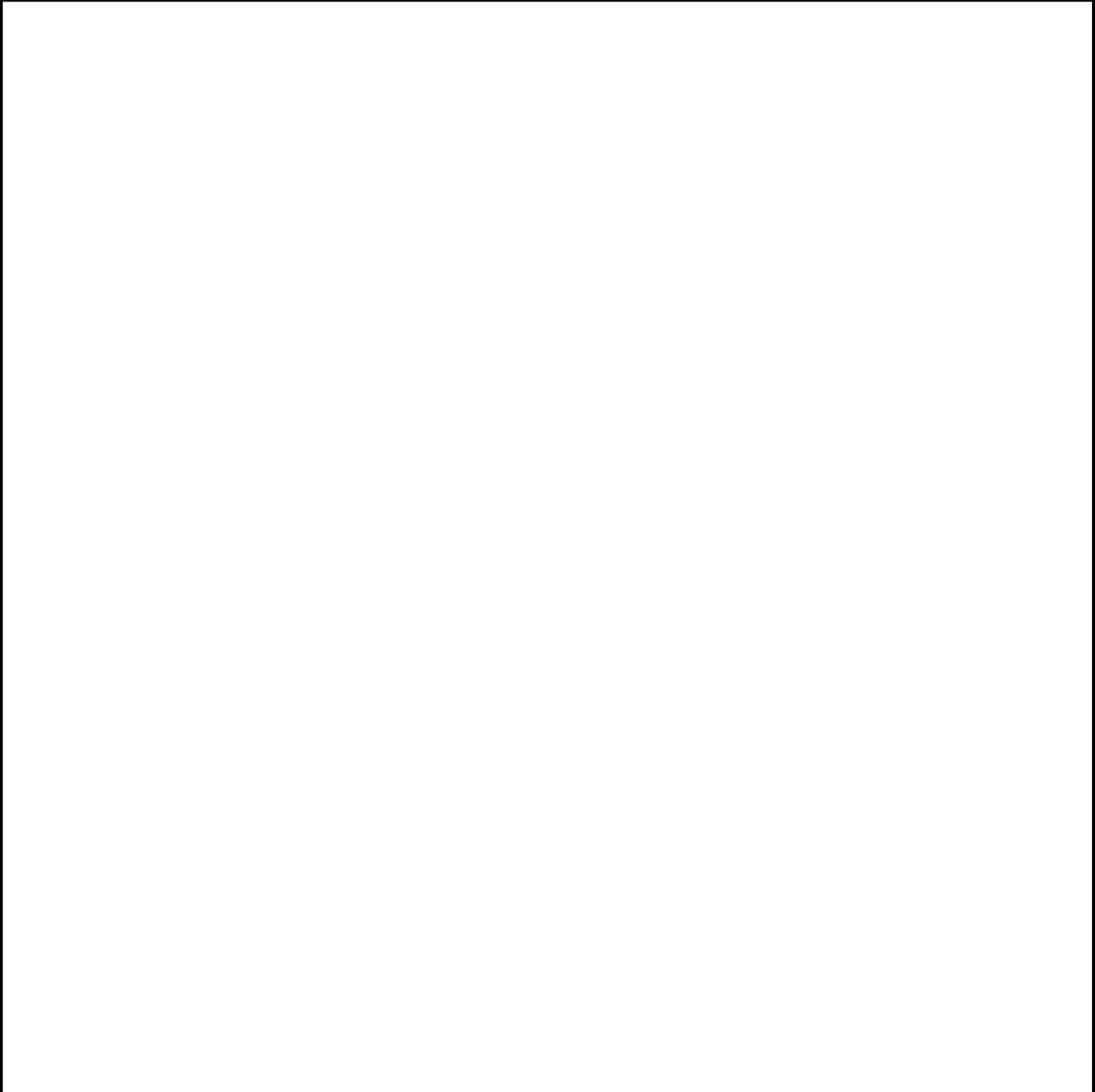


# Interim Review





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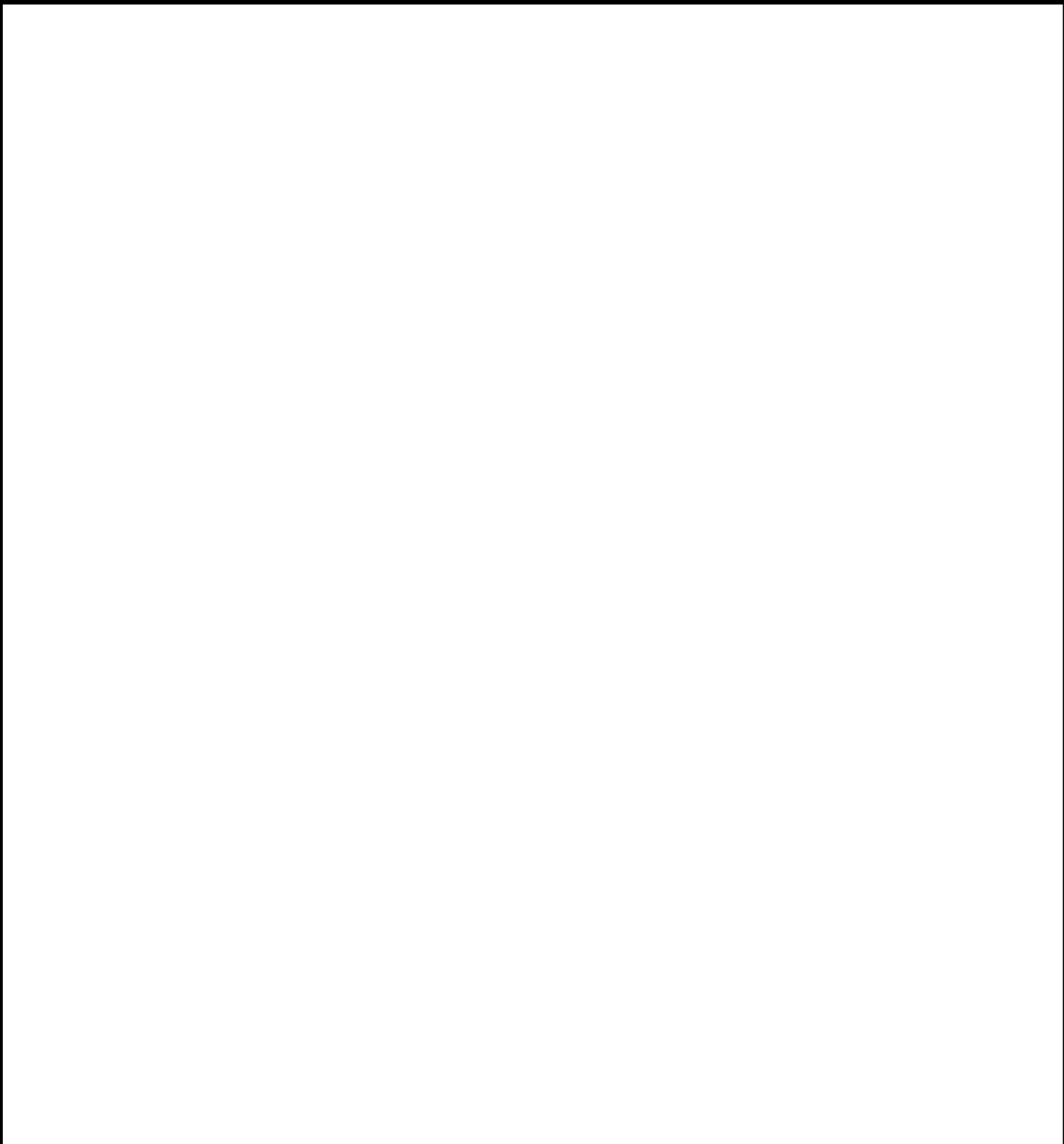




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# Applying the DACA Guidelines -- CR (Continued)



# Effect of Travel Outside the U.S. After 8/15/12



# Applying the DACA Guidelines -- Present in the U.S. on 6/15/12



# Examples of Acceptable Evidence for CR and Presence in U.S. on 6/15/12





# Evidence of CR and Presence on 6/15/12 (Continued)



# Applying the DACA Guidelines - Education





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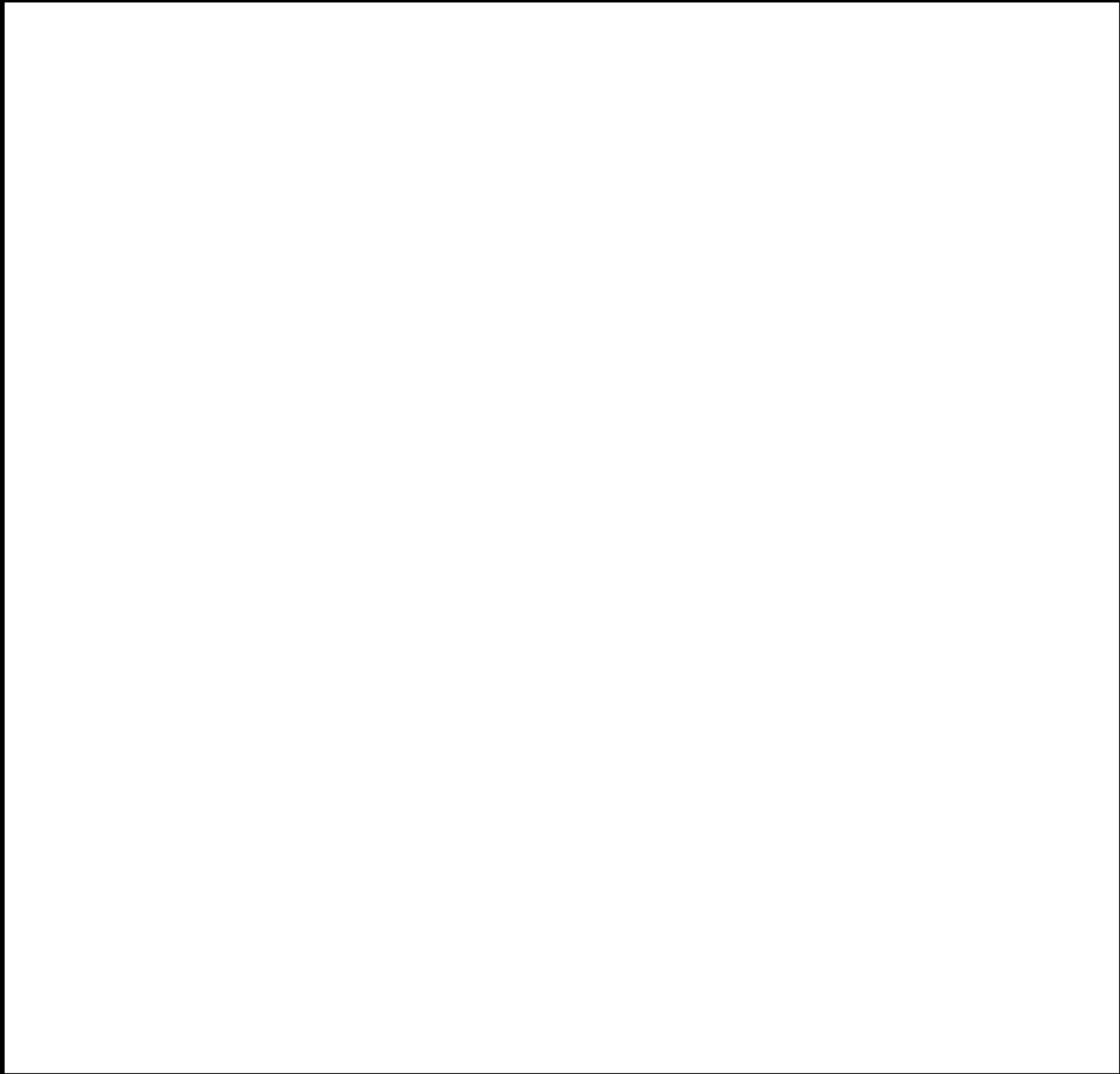
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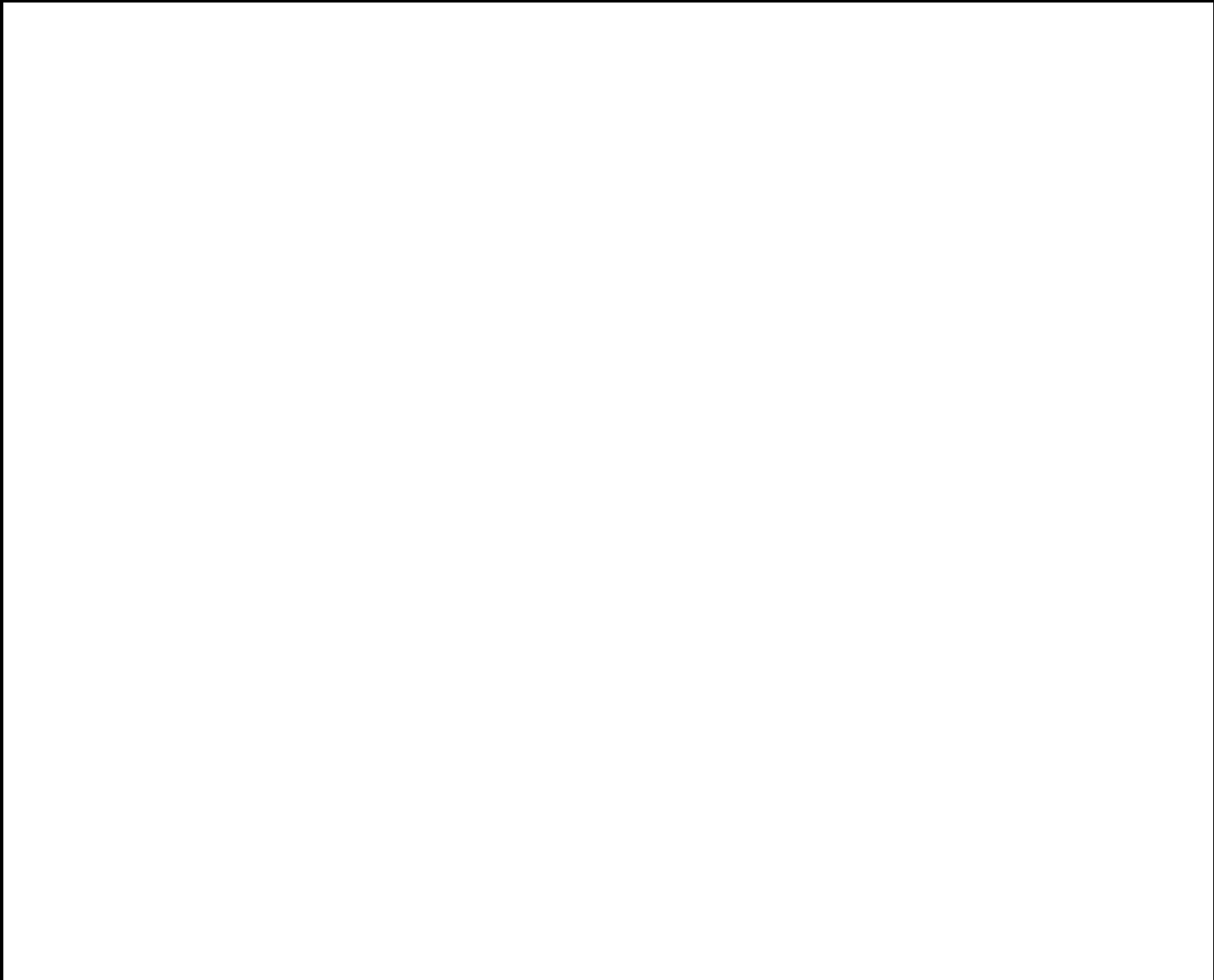
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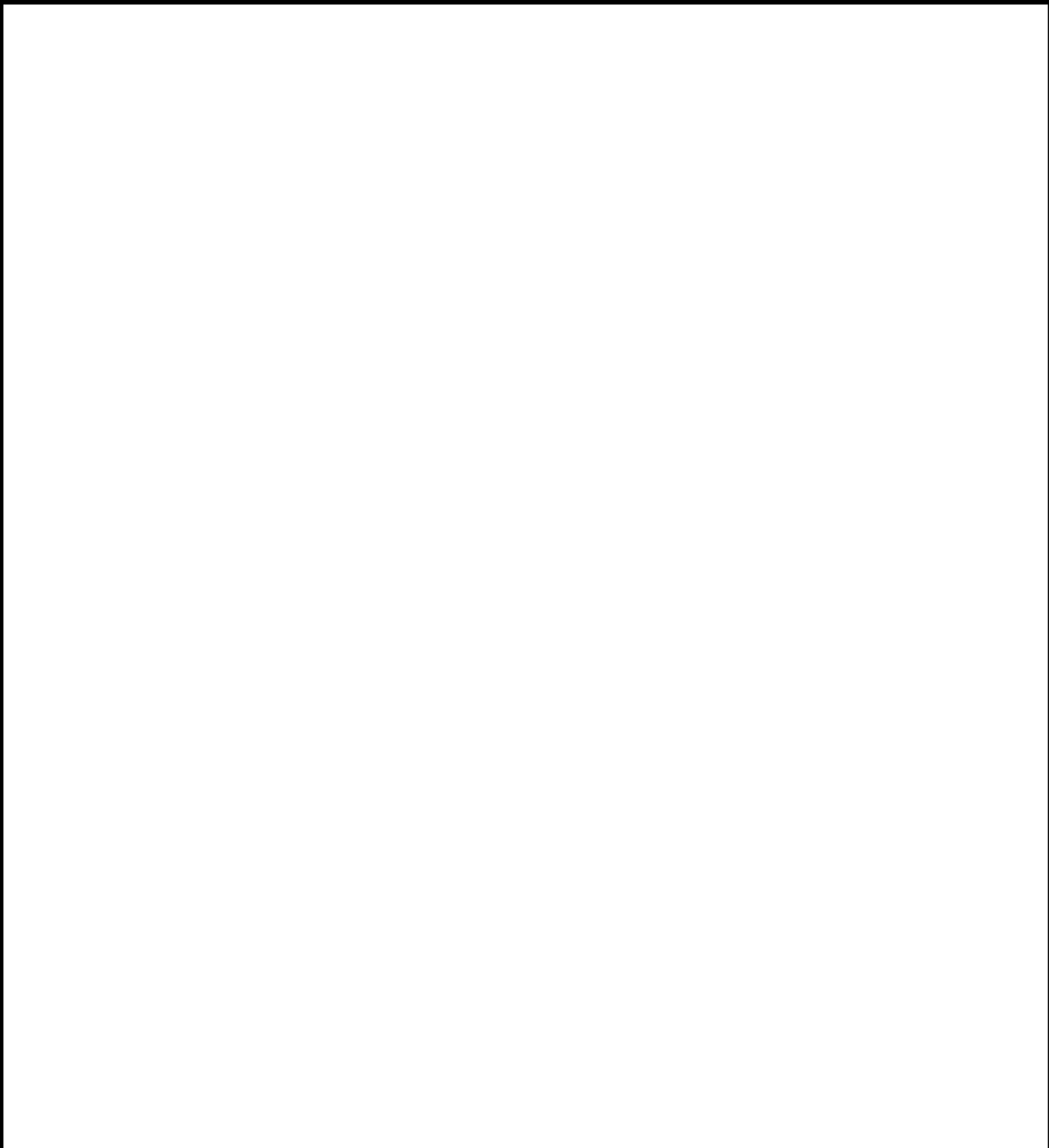


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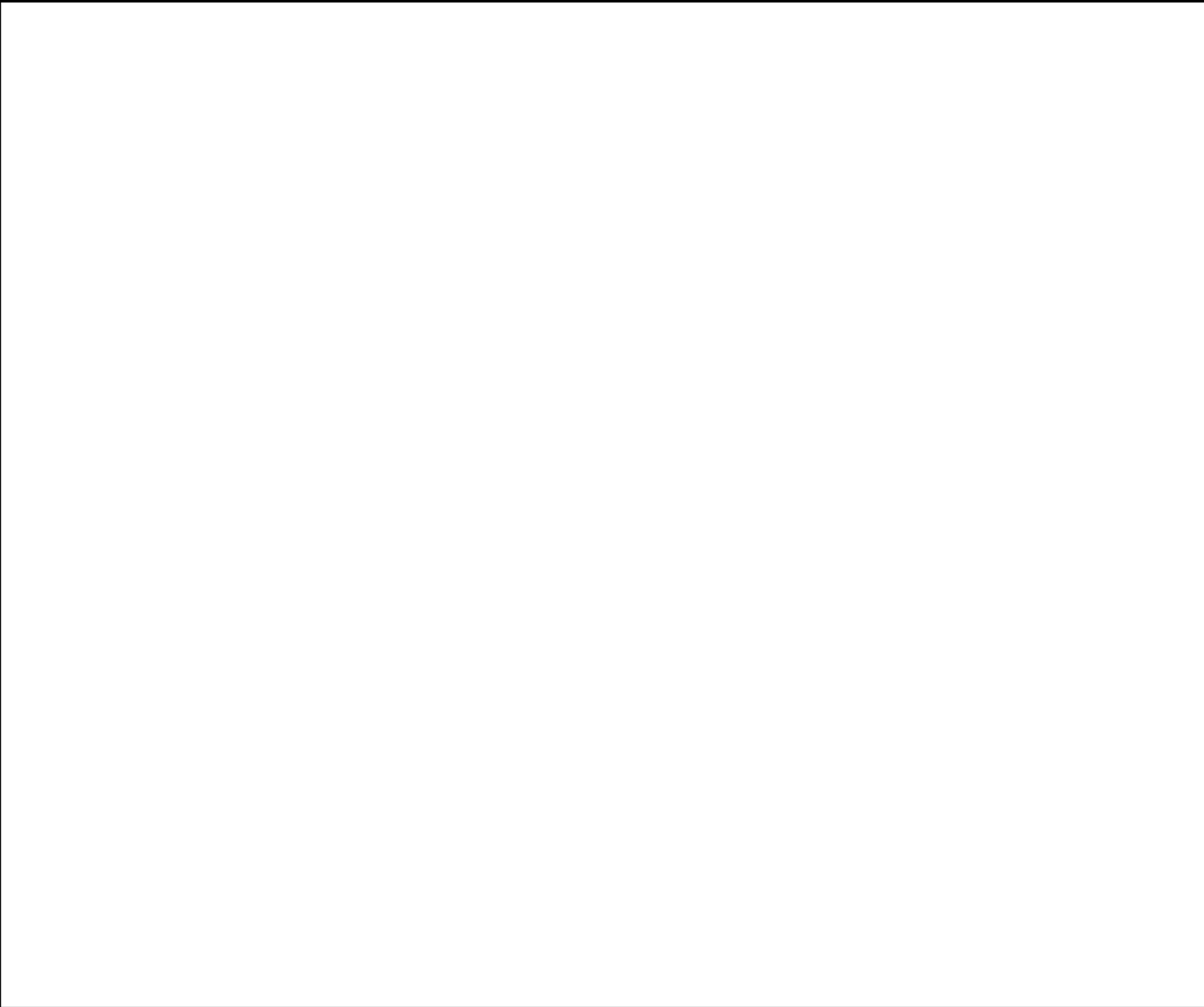
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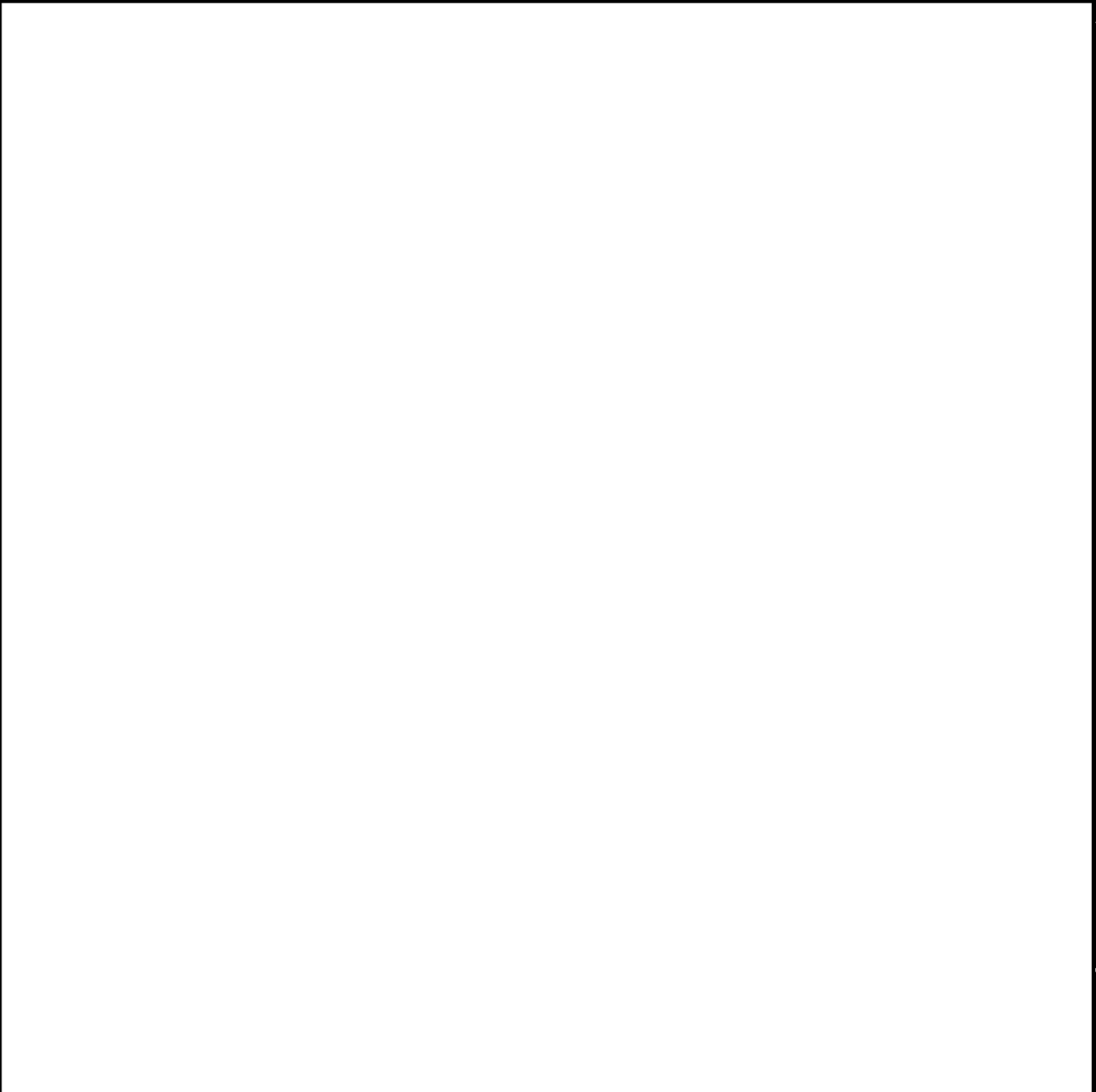
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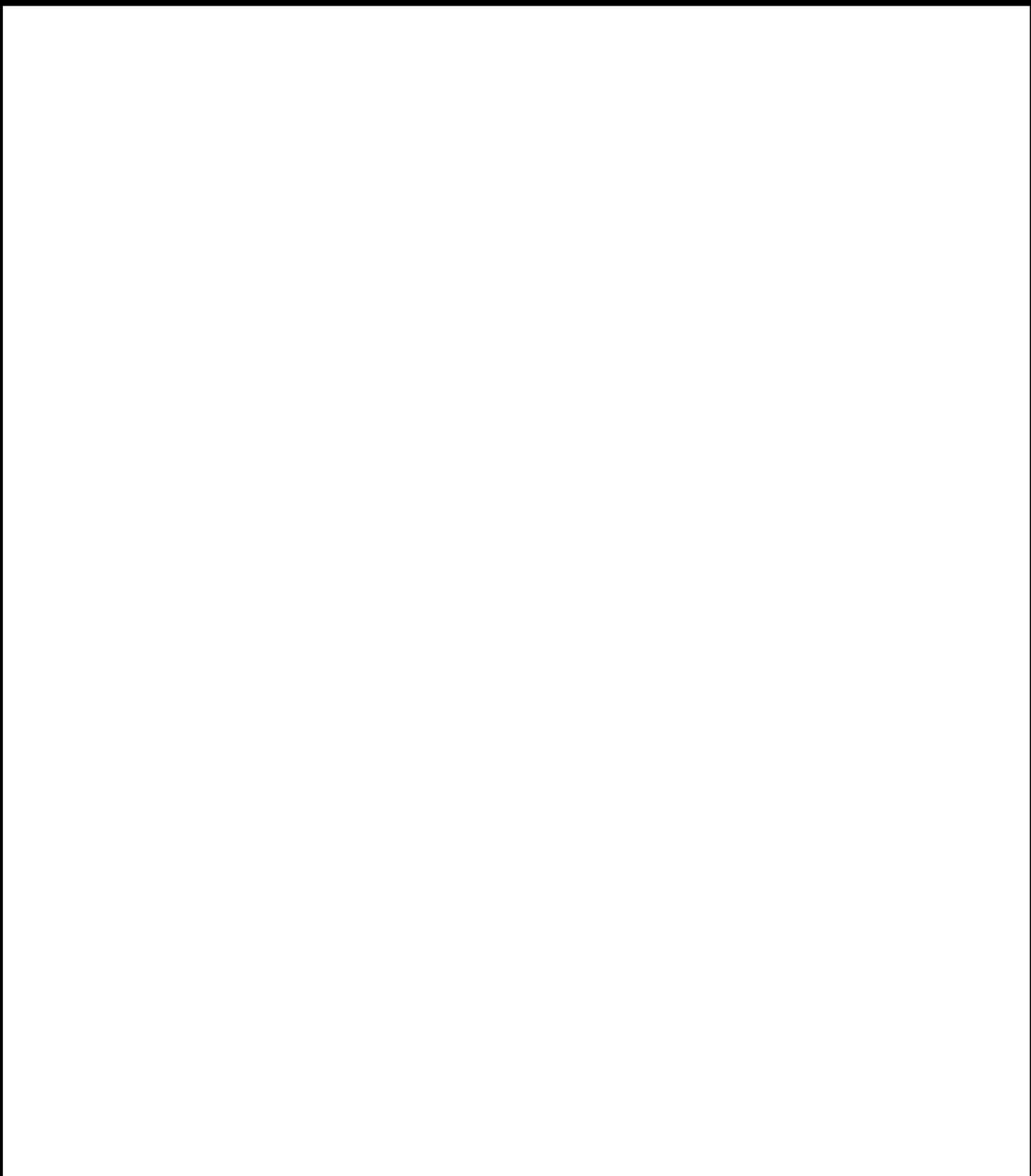
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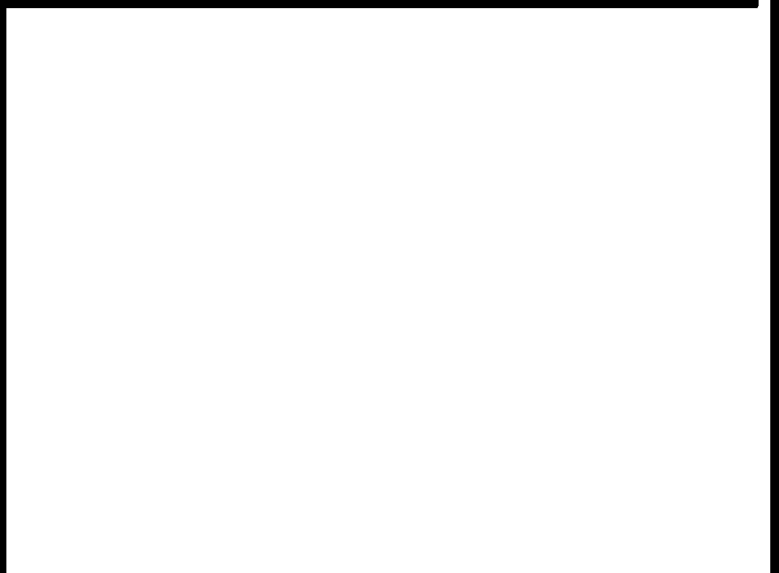
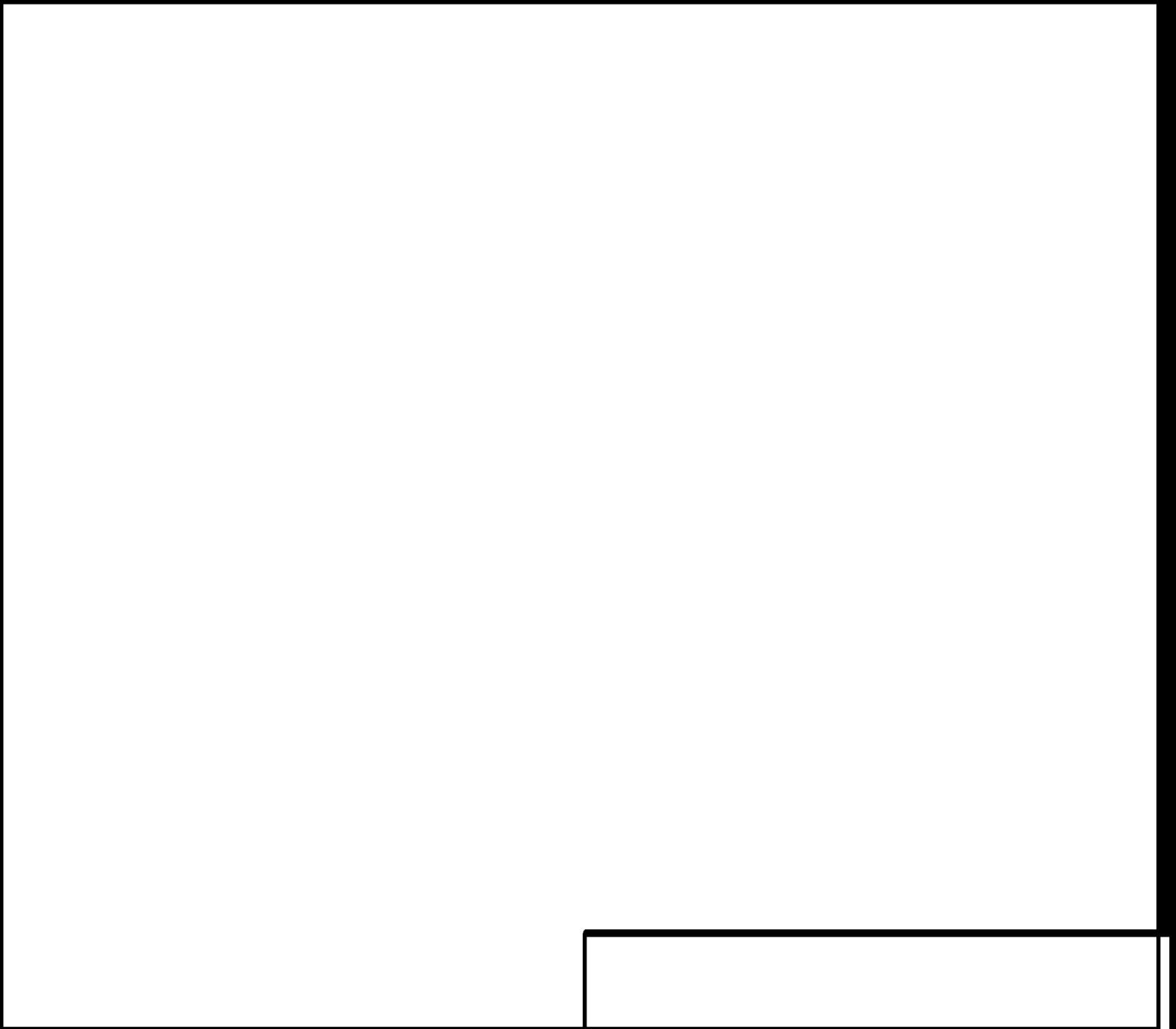
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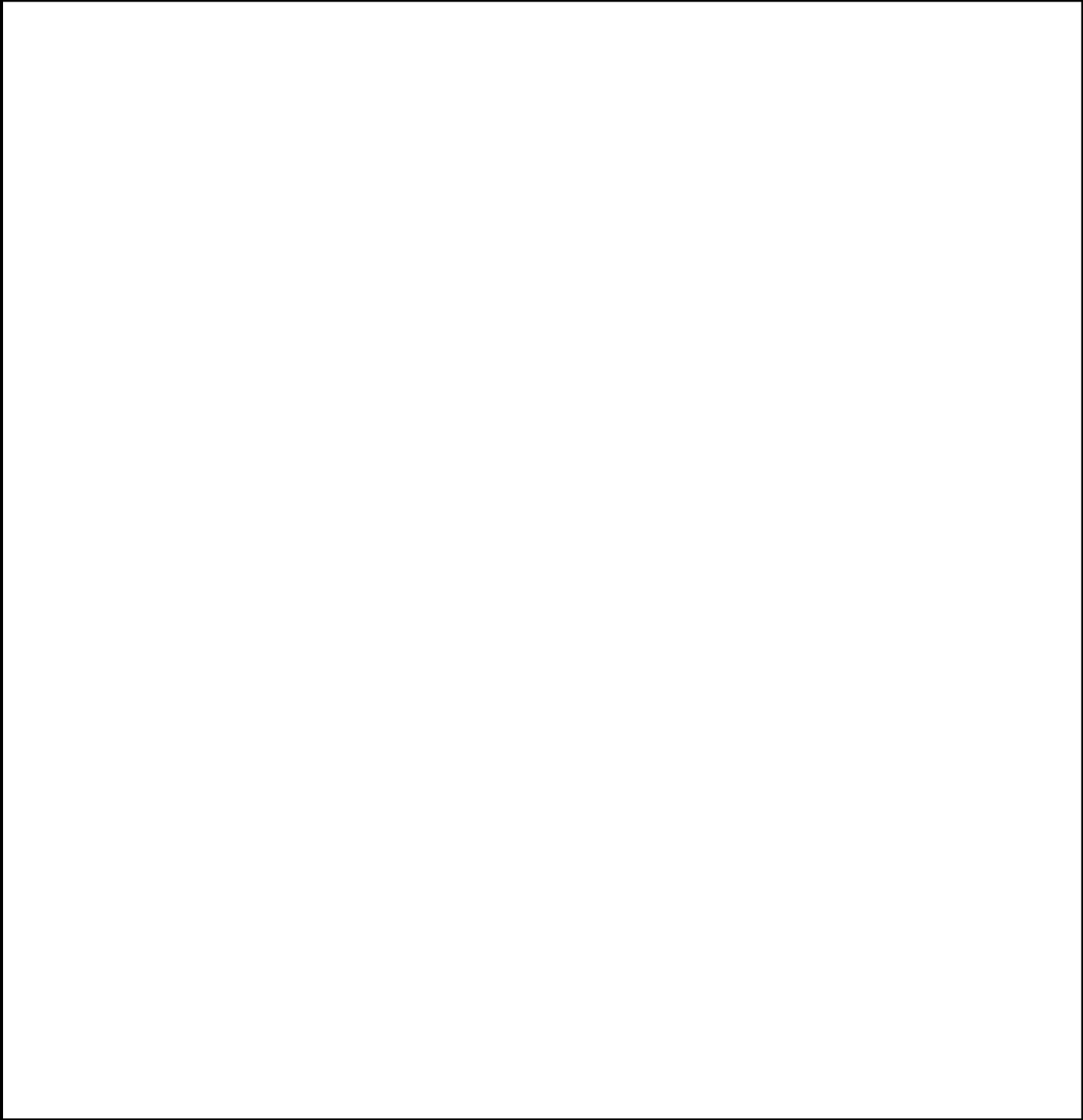


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# Applying the DACA Guidelines – Honorable Military Discharge



# Applying the DACA Guidelines – Honorable Military Discharge (Continued)



# Applying the DACA Guidelines – Issues of Criminality, Public Safety and National Security



# V. Weighing the Evidence and Standard of Proof



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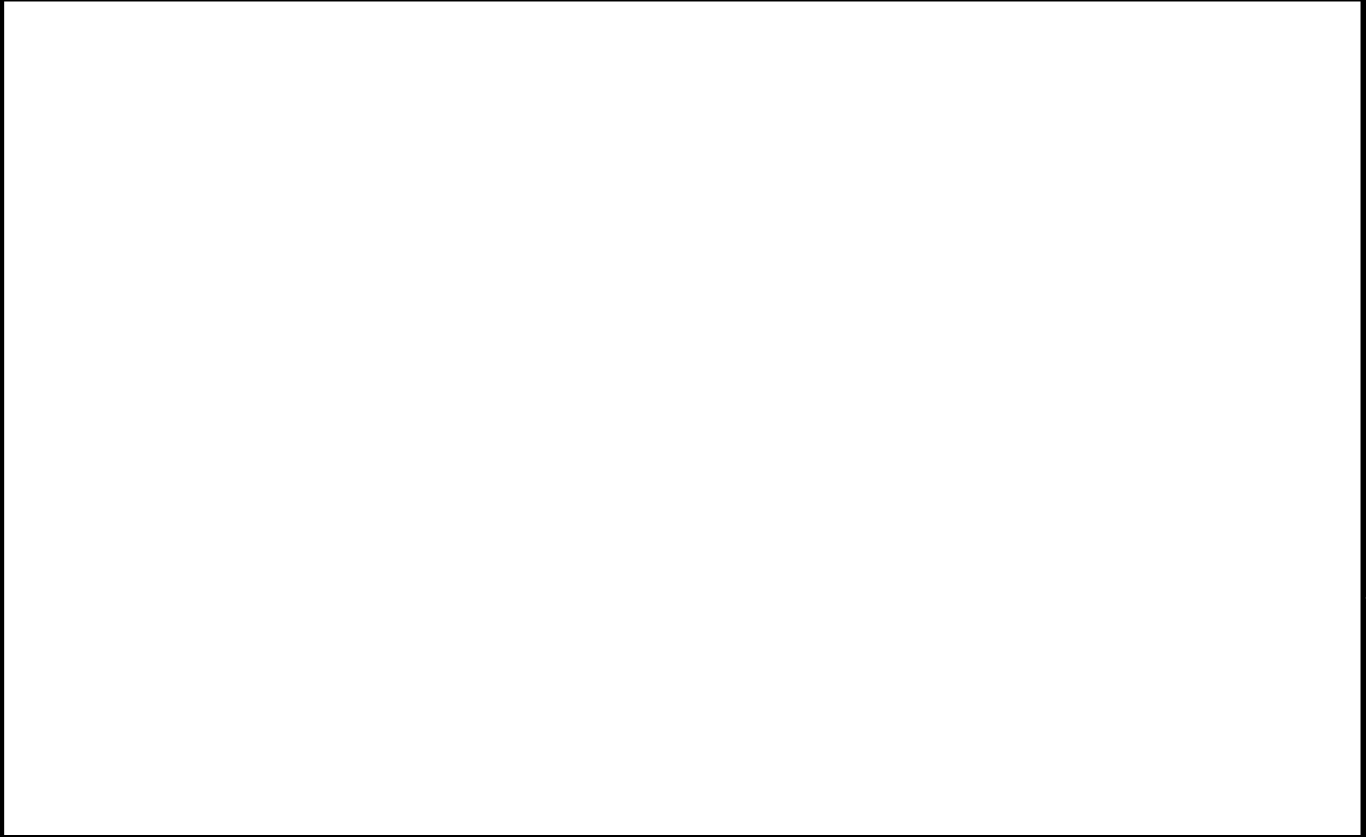
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# Evaluating the Supporting Evidence





# Standard of Proof: Preponderance of the Evidence



# Primary Evidence



# Secondary Evidence

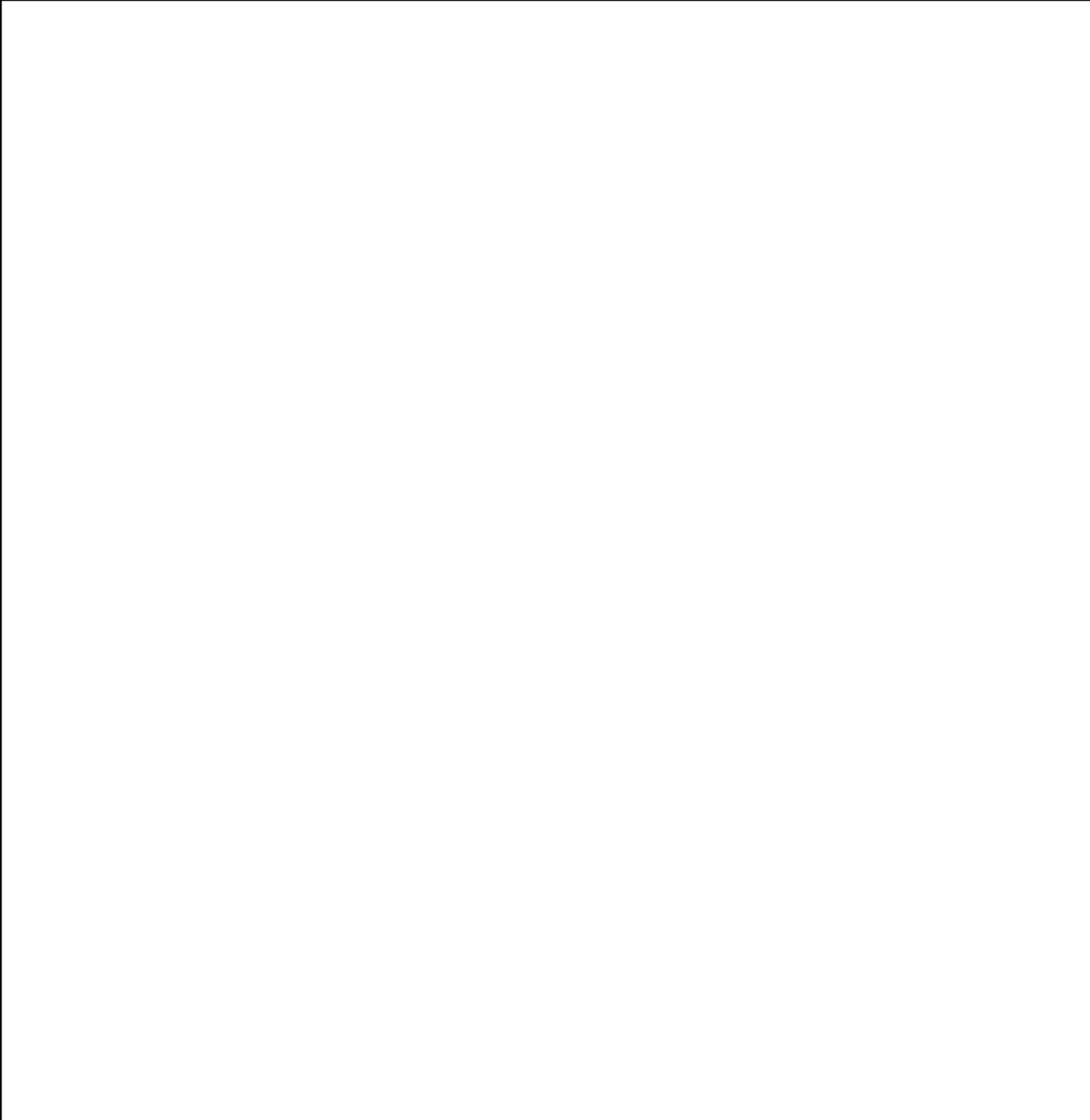




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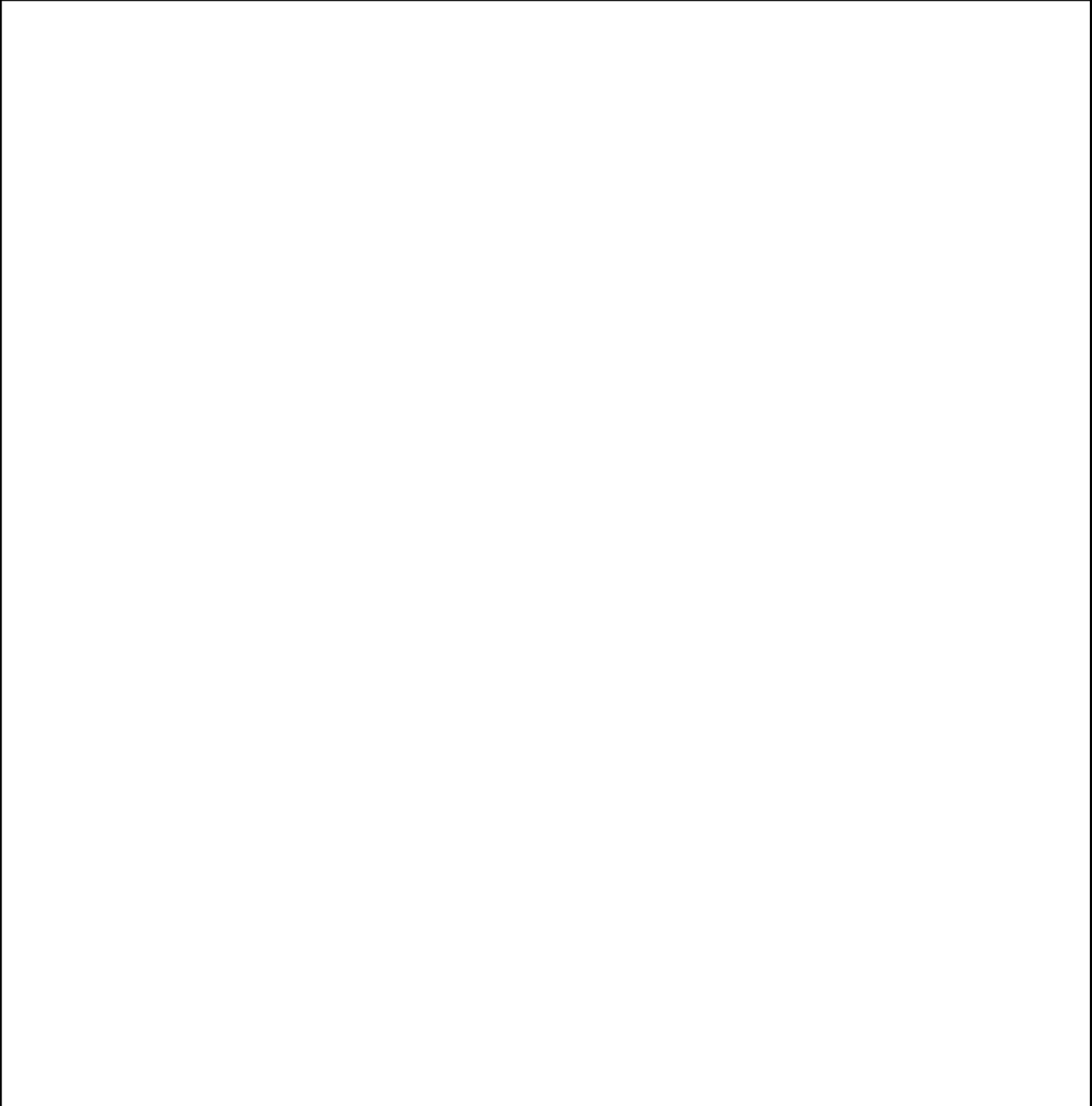


# Weighing the Evidence





# Totality of the Evidence



# VI. Removal Proceedings



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# Effect of Removal Proceedings

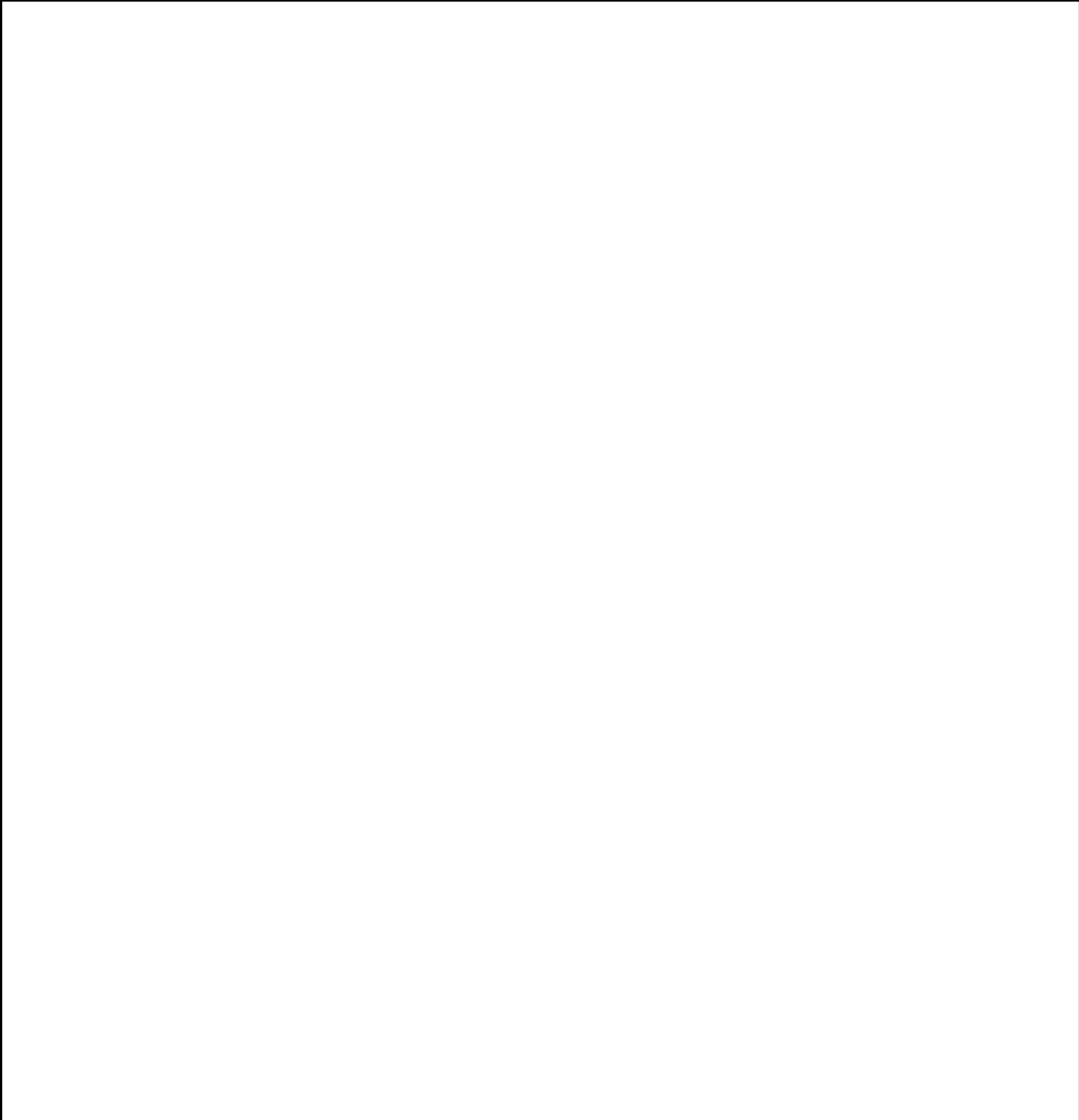




# Determining Whether or Not In Removal Proceedings



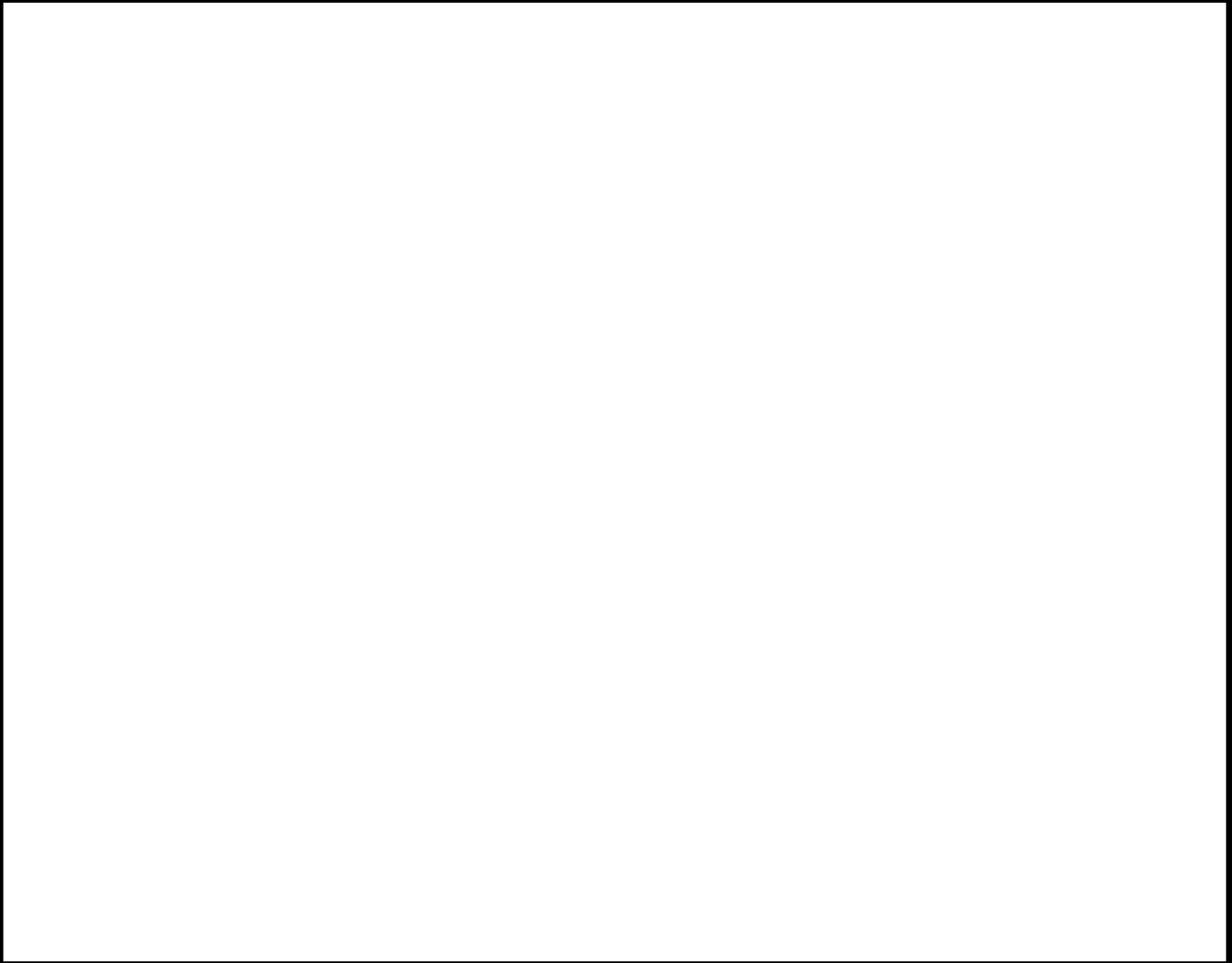
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# Charging Documents



# Charging Documents (Continued)





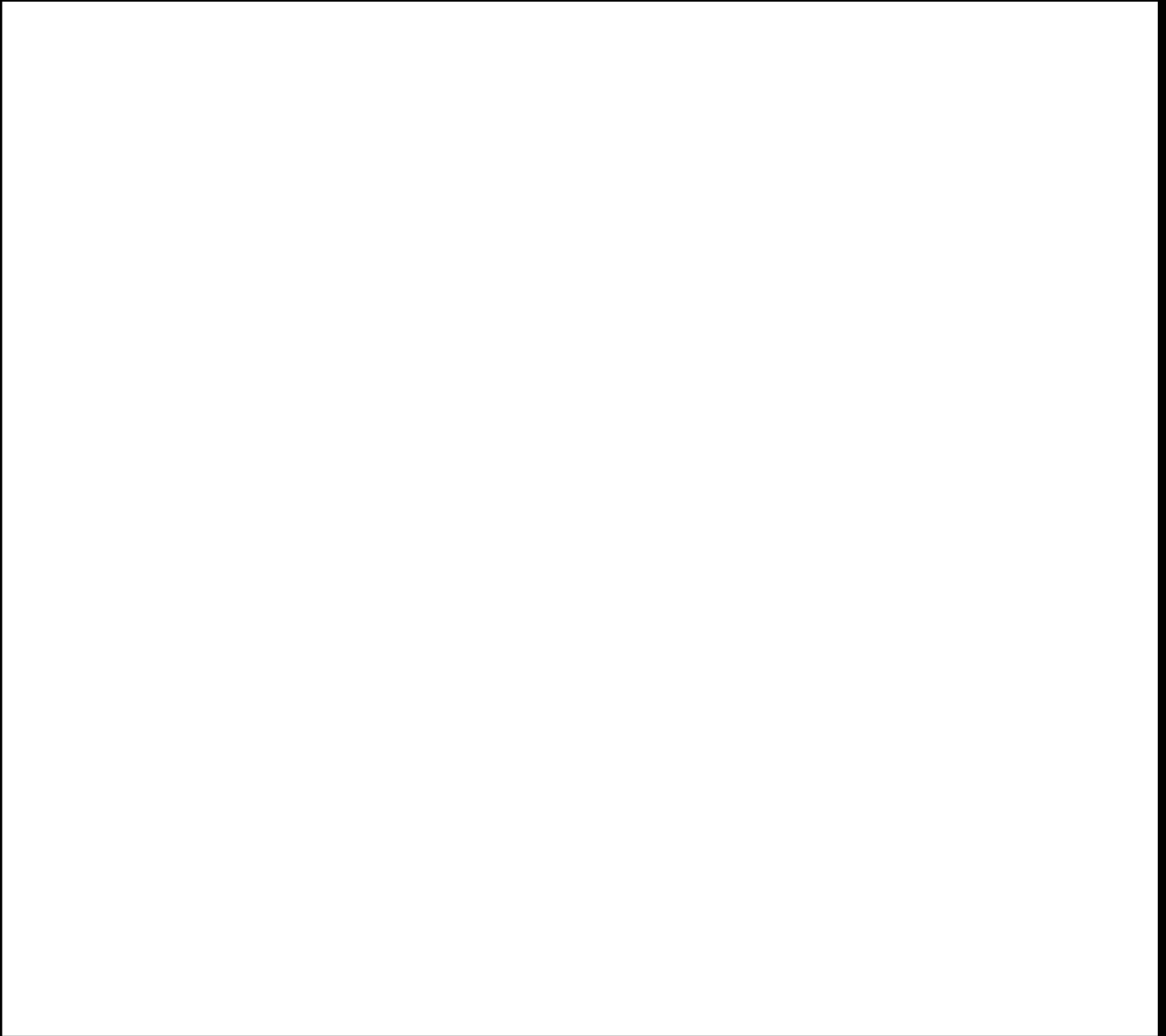
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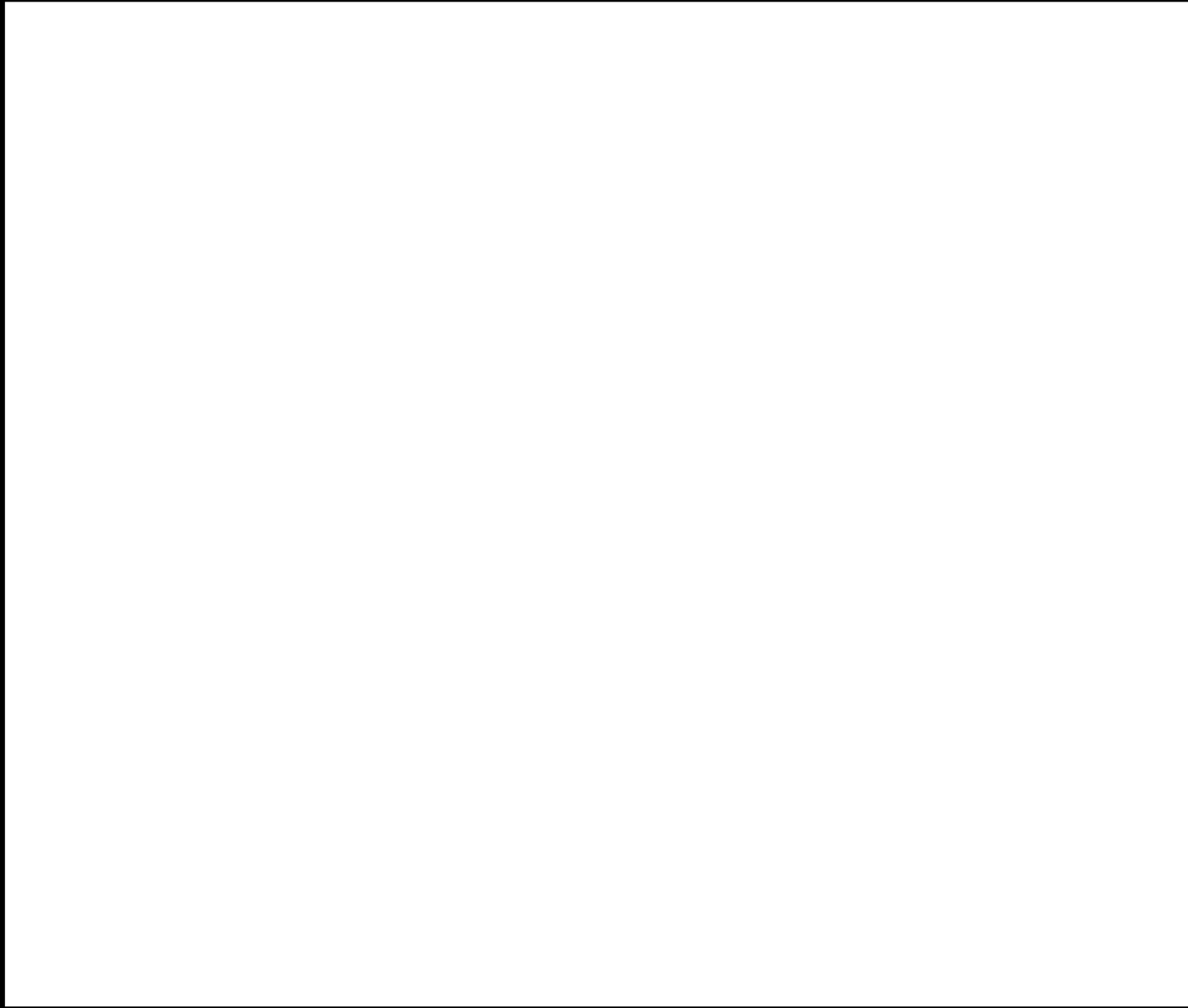
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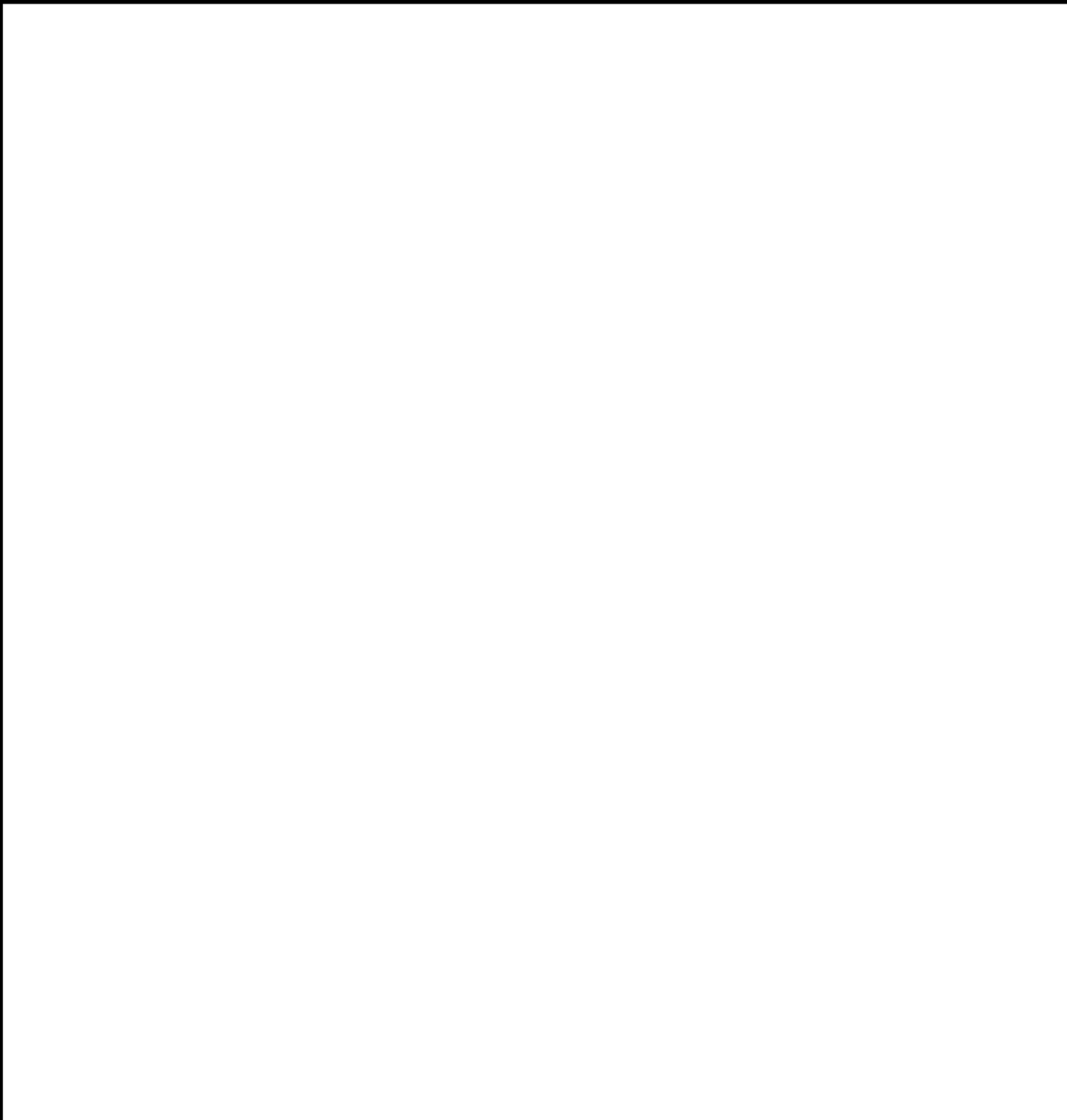


# Reinstatement of the Prior Removal Order





# Exercise



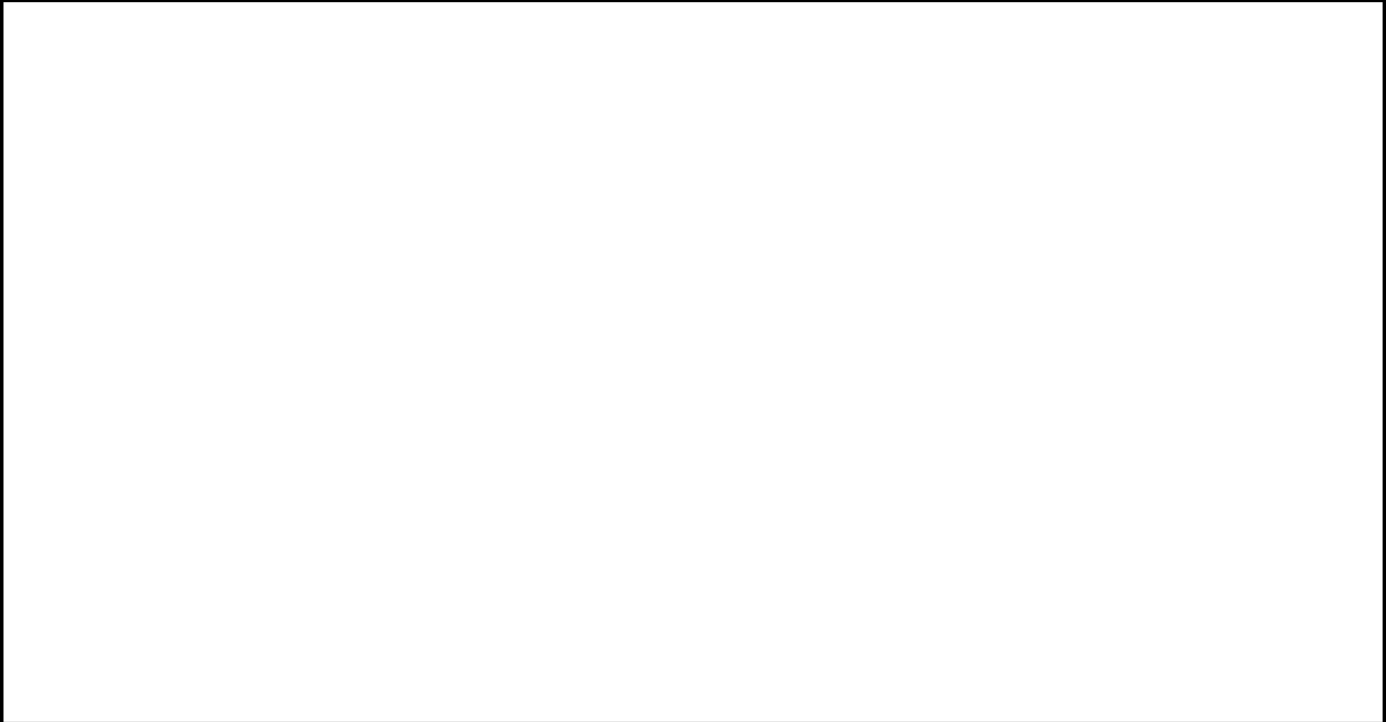
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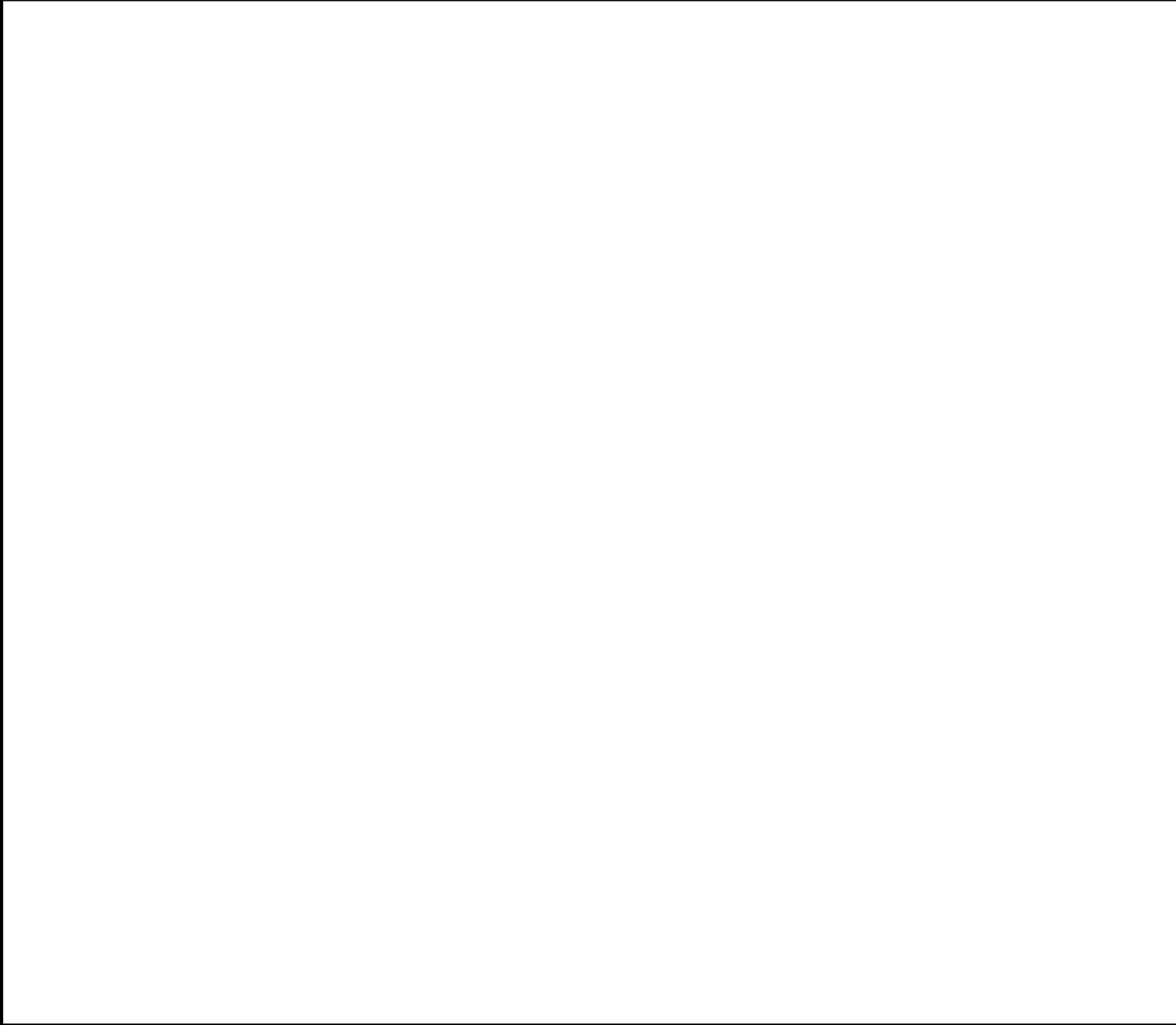
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# Background & Security Checks





# Background & Security Checks (Continued)



# Routing and Handling of TECS Hits and IDENTs



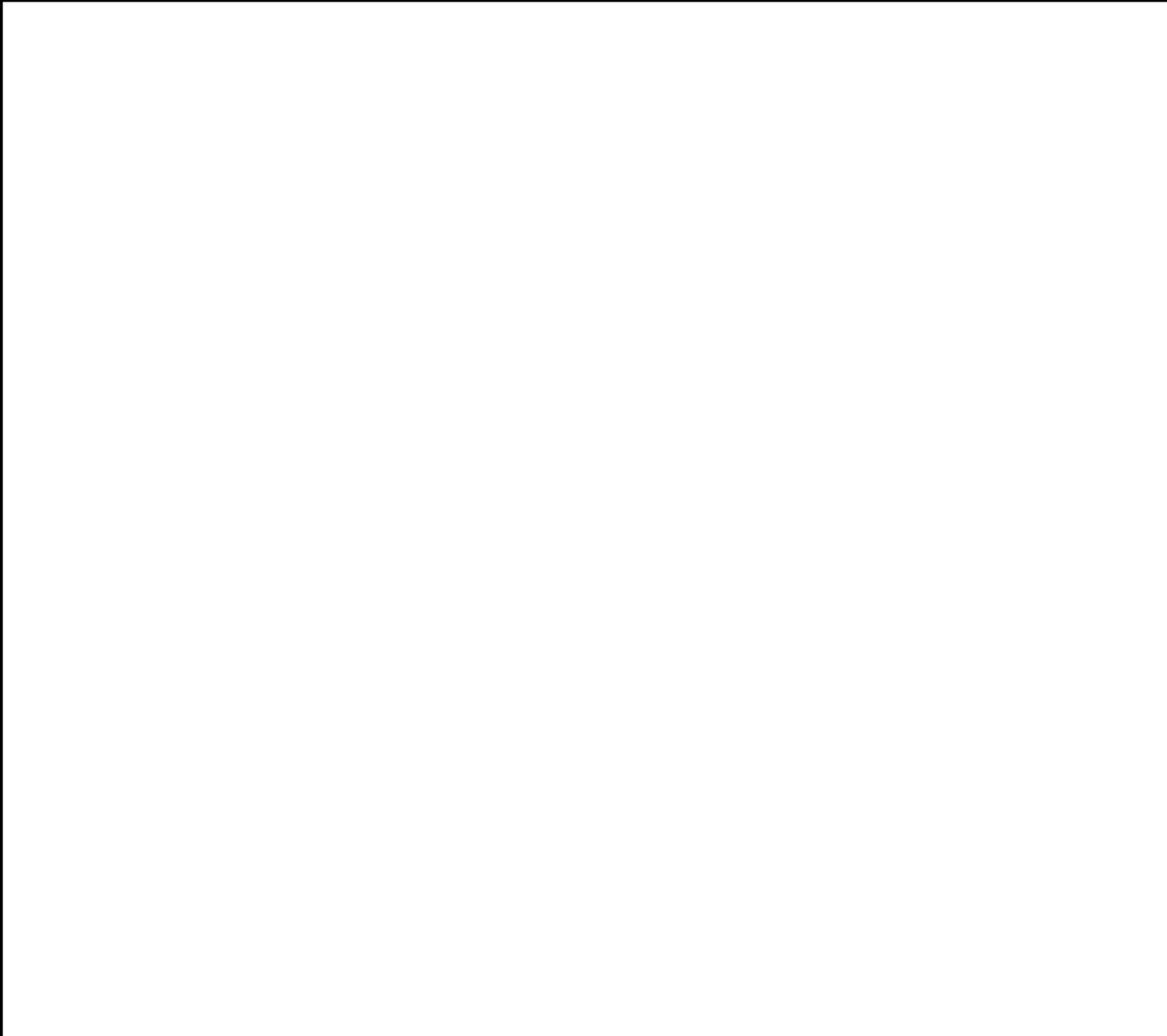
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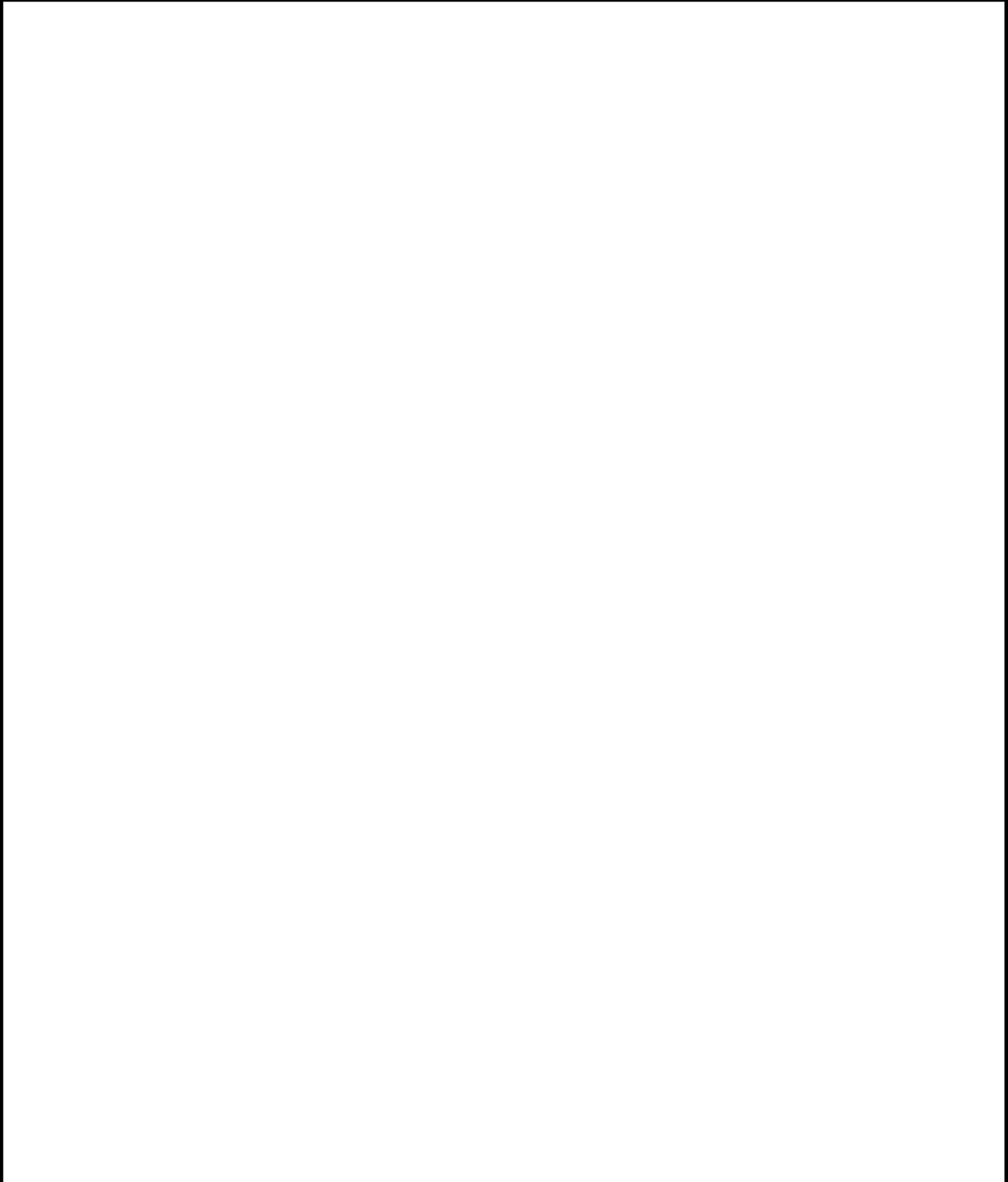
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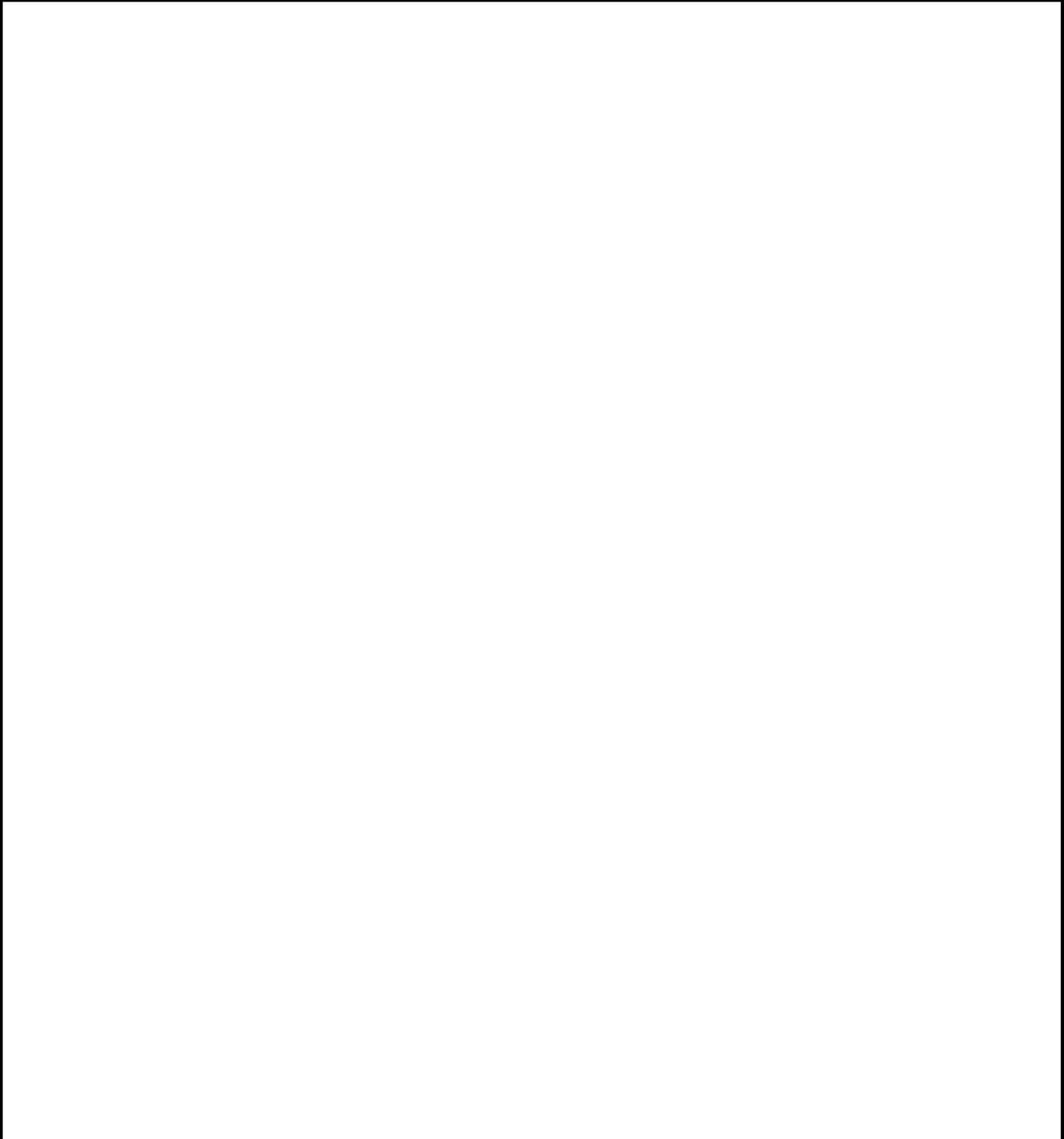


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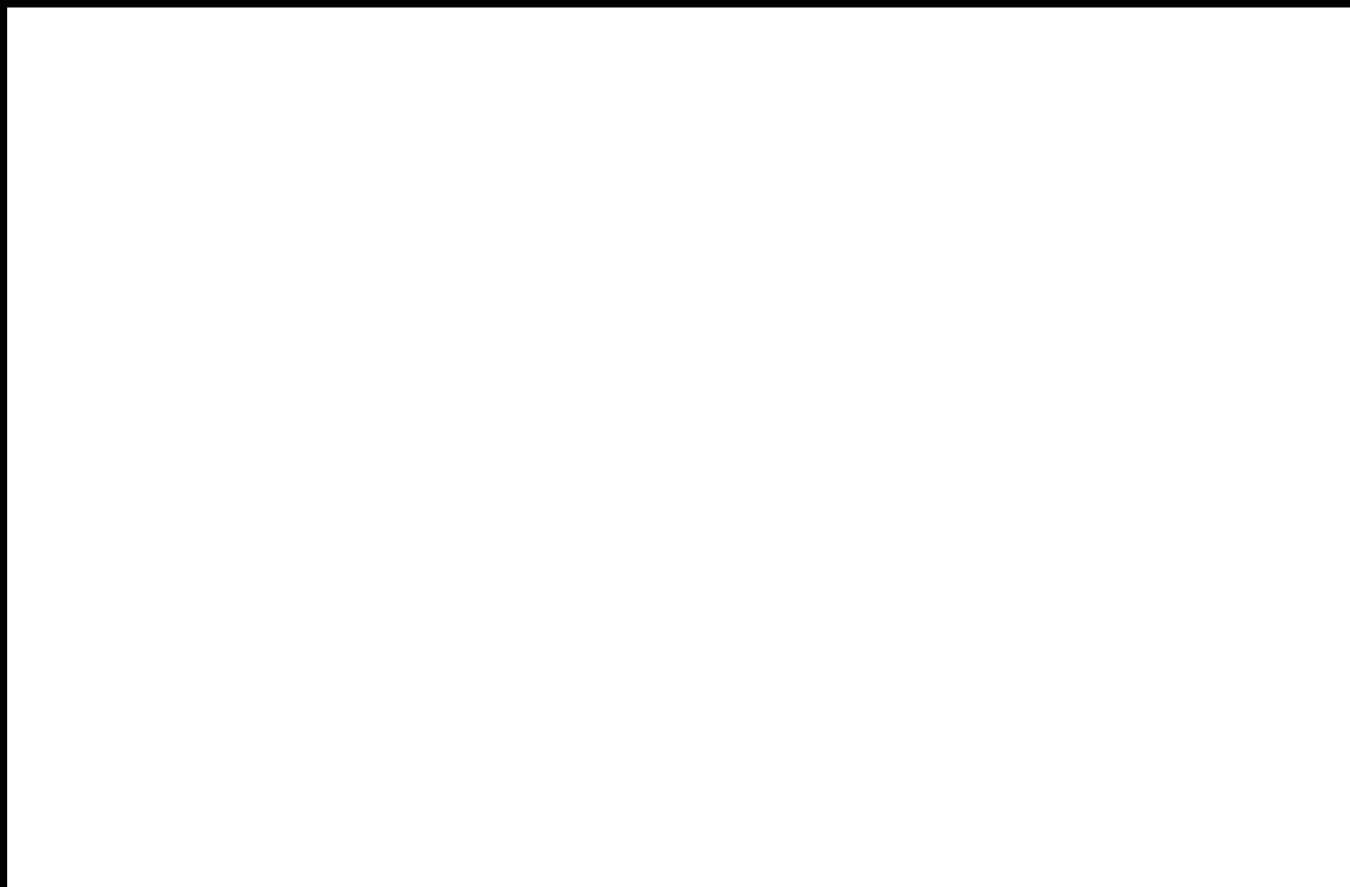


# Systems Checks – TECS





# Systems Checks – TECS (Continued)





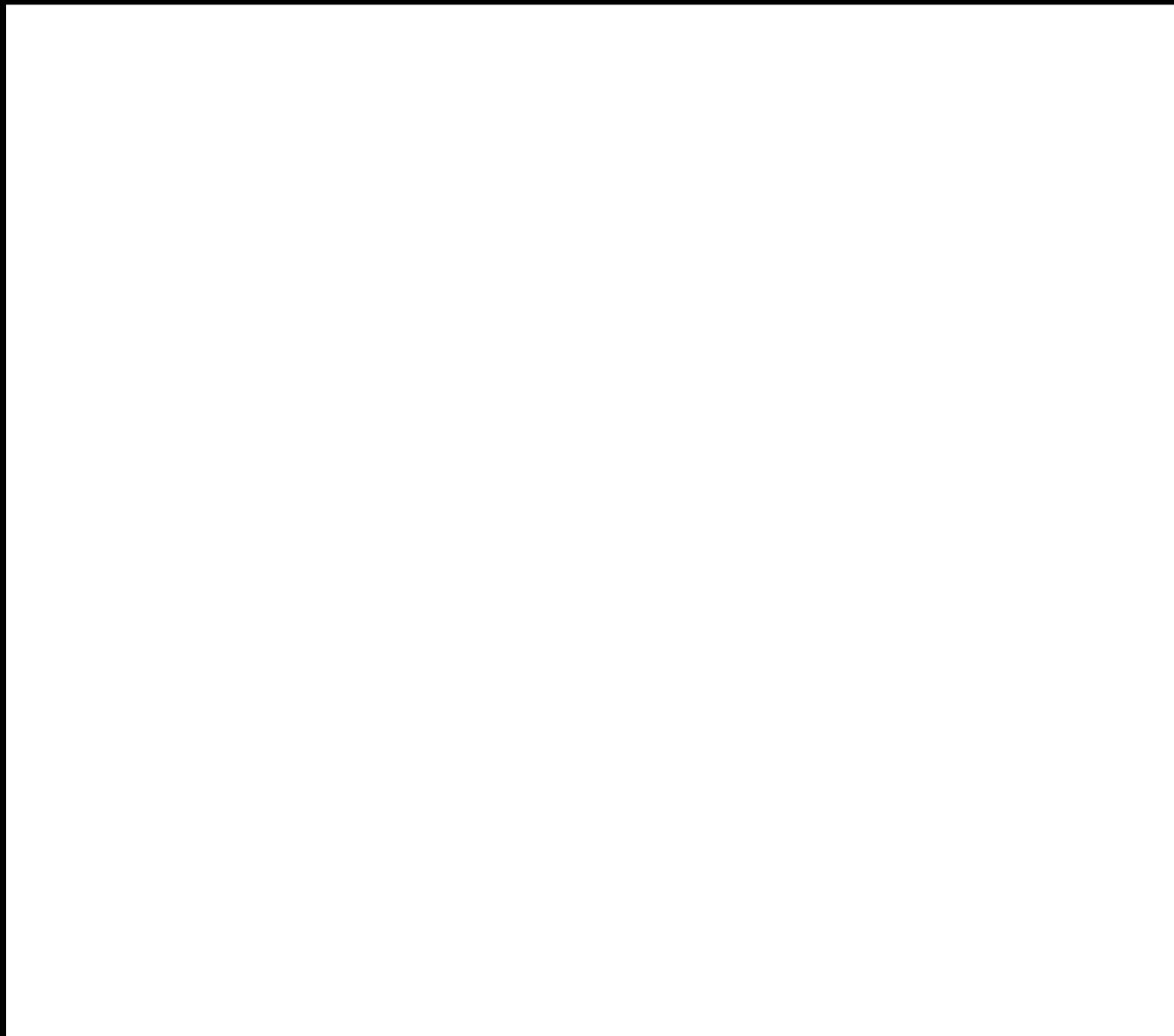


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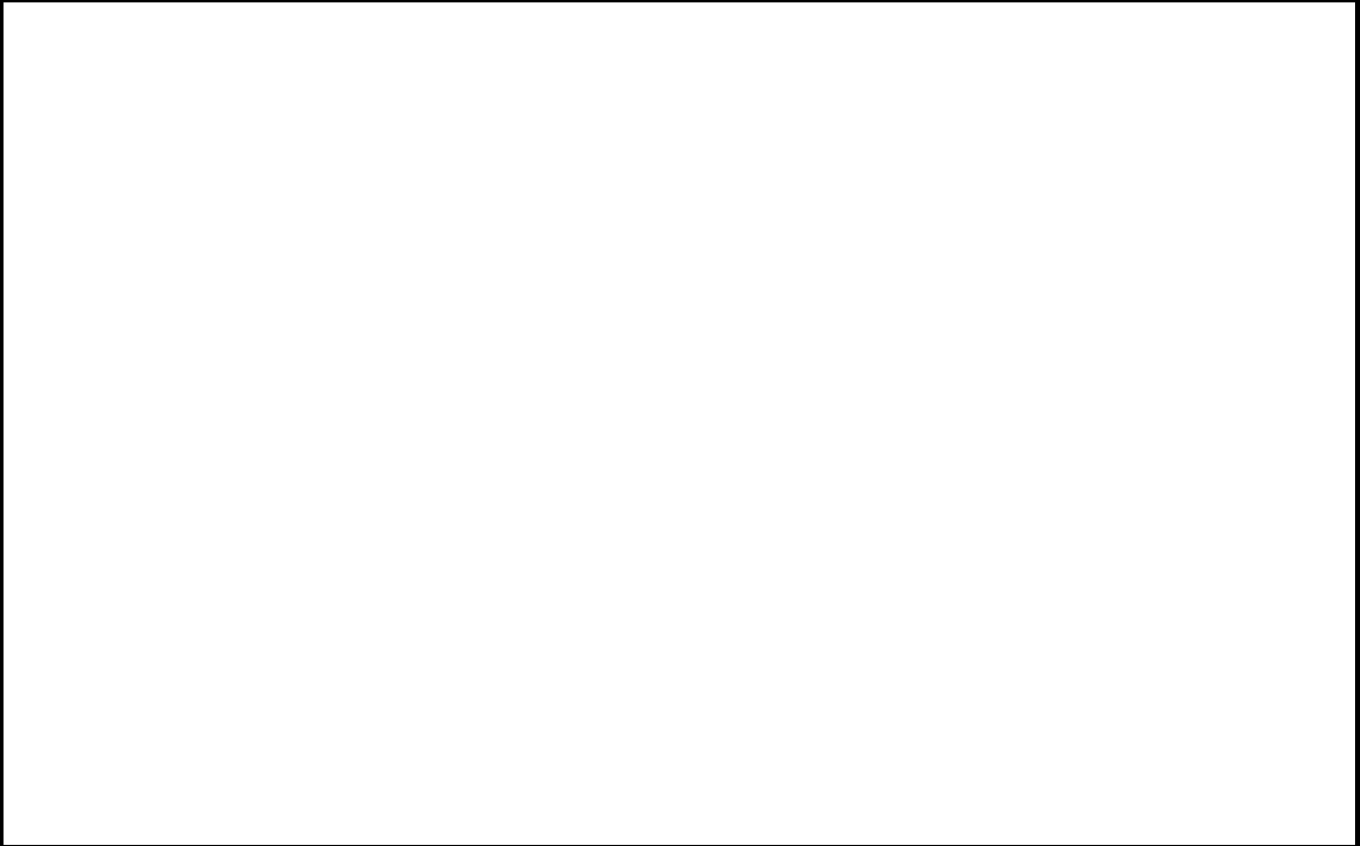


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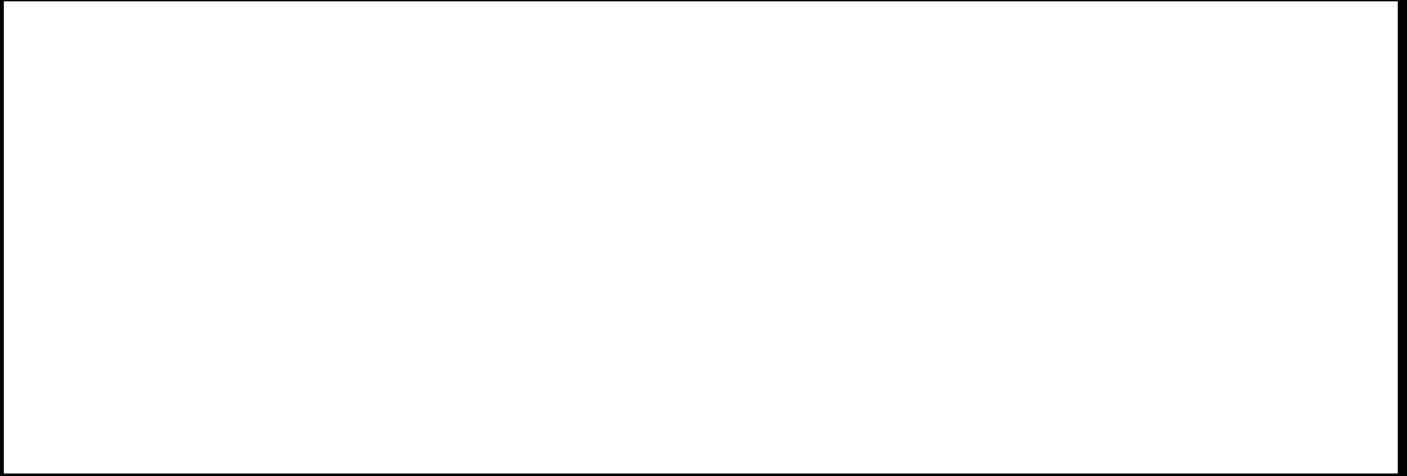


# Systems Checks – Fingerprints





# Systems Checks – Biometrics/Prints Collection



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# Fingerprints and Rap Sheets





# Fingerprints and Rap Sheets (Continued)



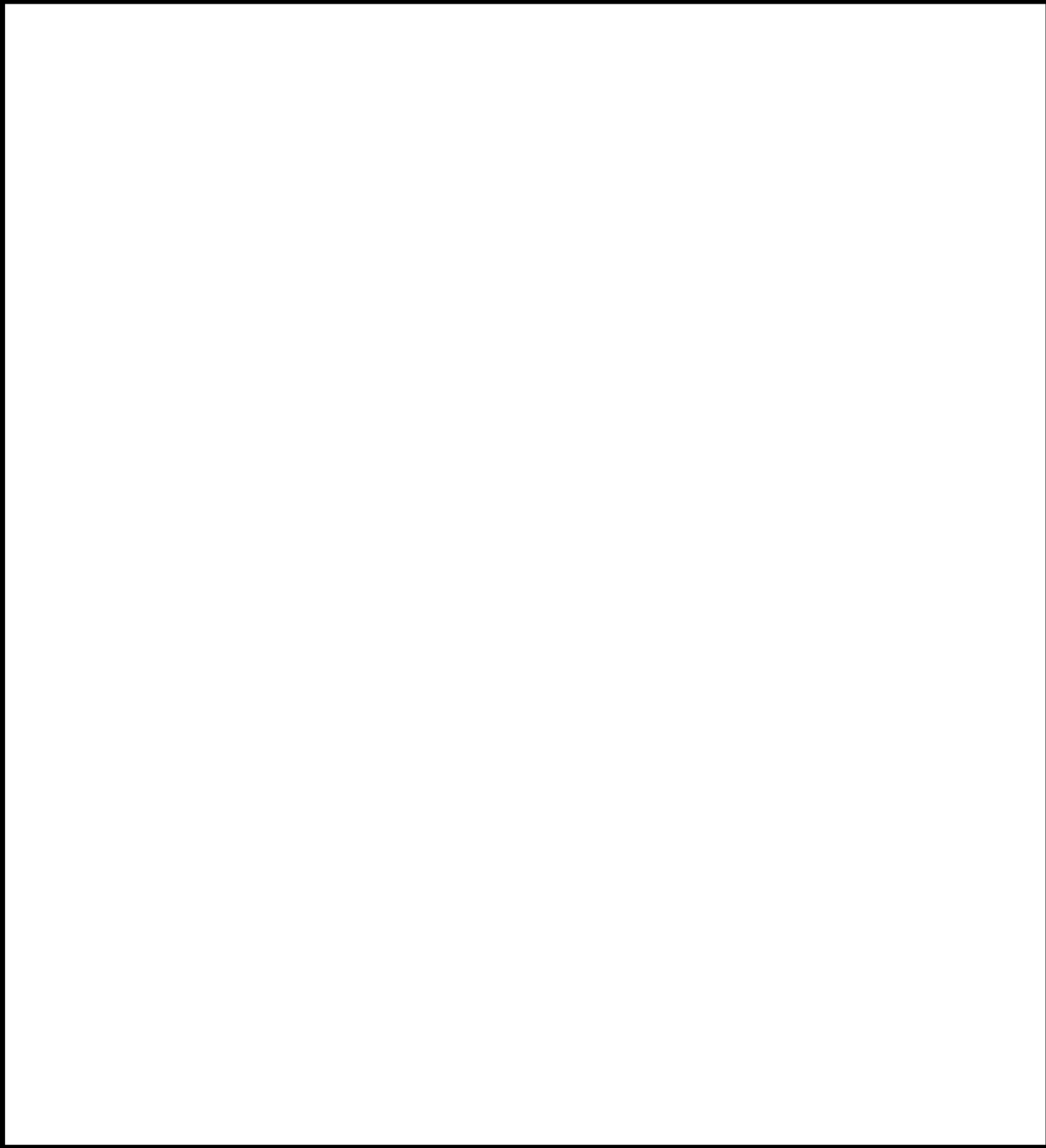


# Fingerprints and Rap Sheets (Continued)





# Understanding Fingerprint Query Results





# Procedures for Unclassifiable FBI Prints





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# RAP Sheet: Accuracy and Completeness Concerns







# Criminal Issues Specific to DACA



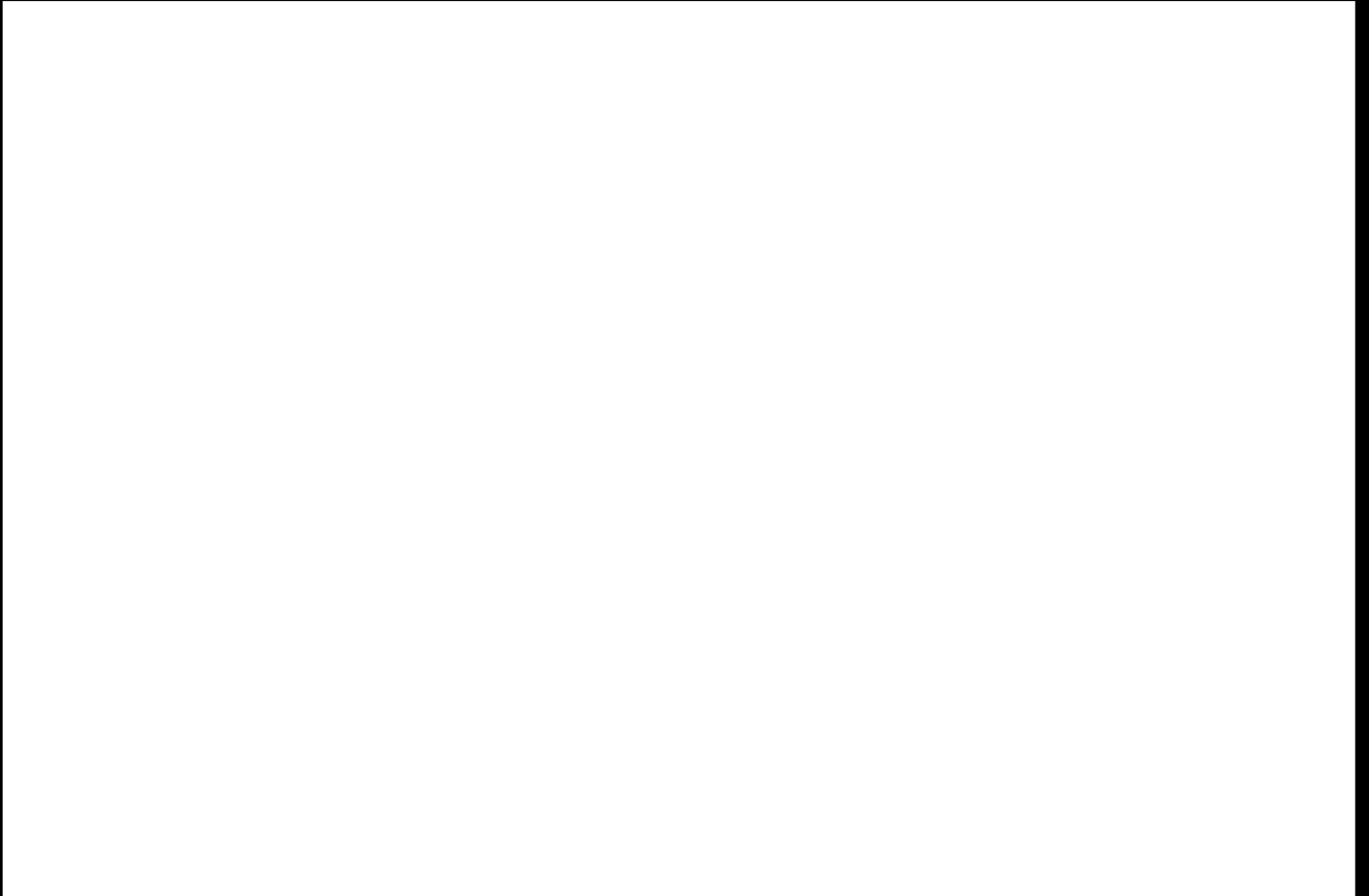
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# Felony



# What is a Significant Misdemeanor?



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# Significant Misdemeanor



# Significant Misdemeanor (Continued)



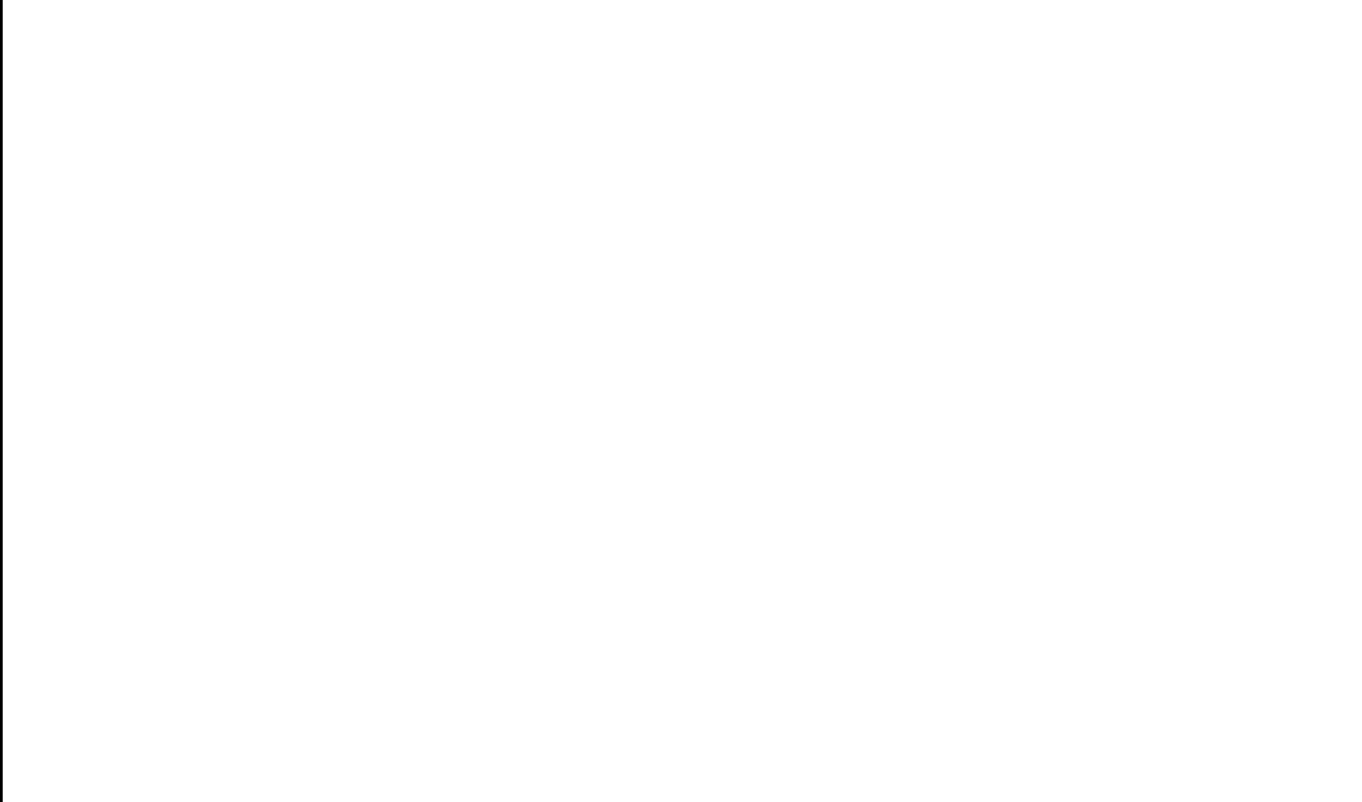
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# Misdemeanor





# Multiple Misdemeanors



# Misdemeanors (Continued)



# Foreign Convictions



# What Constitutes a Conviction?



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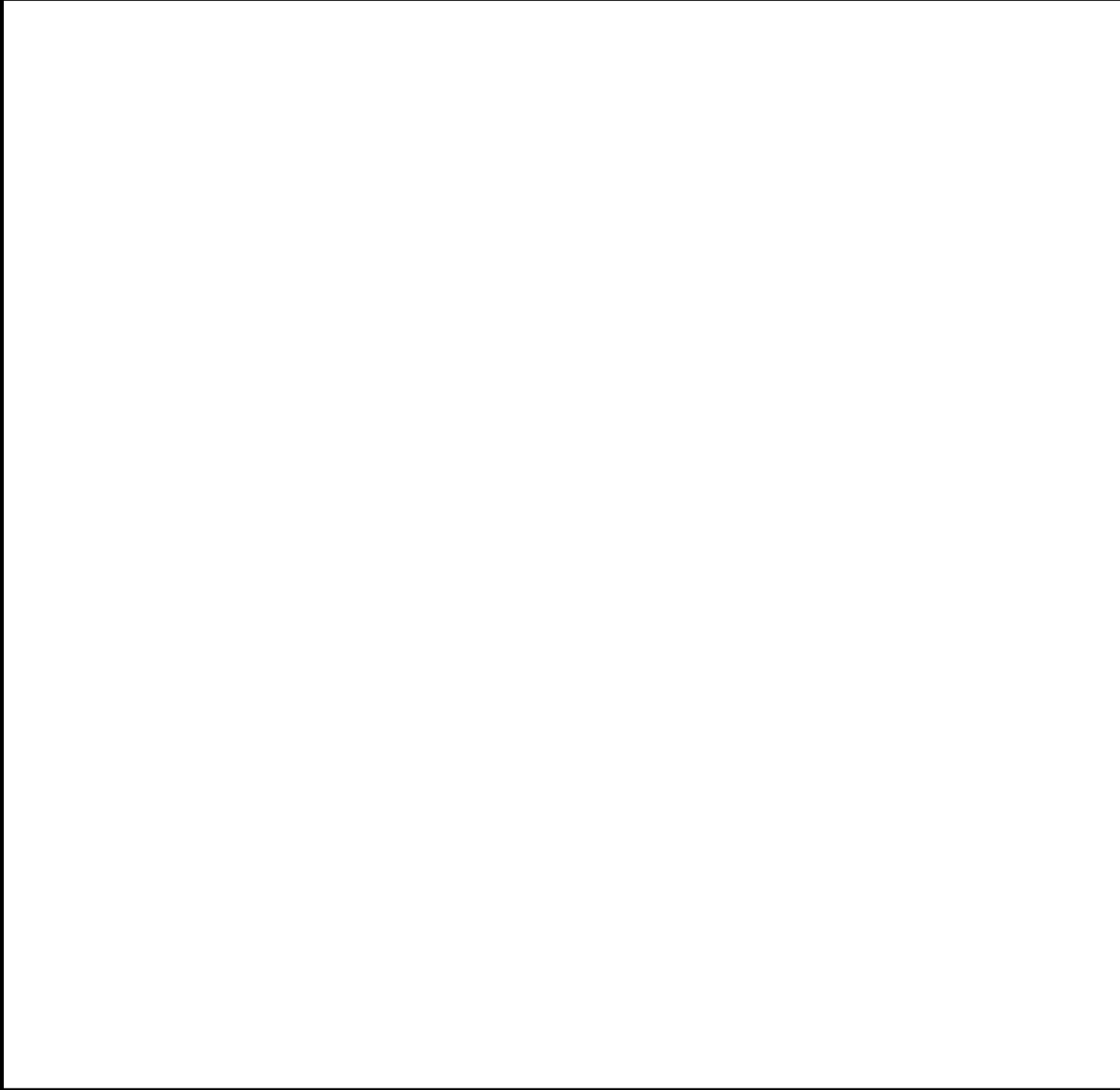
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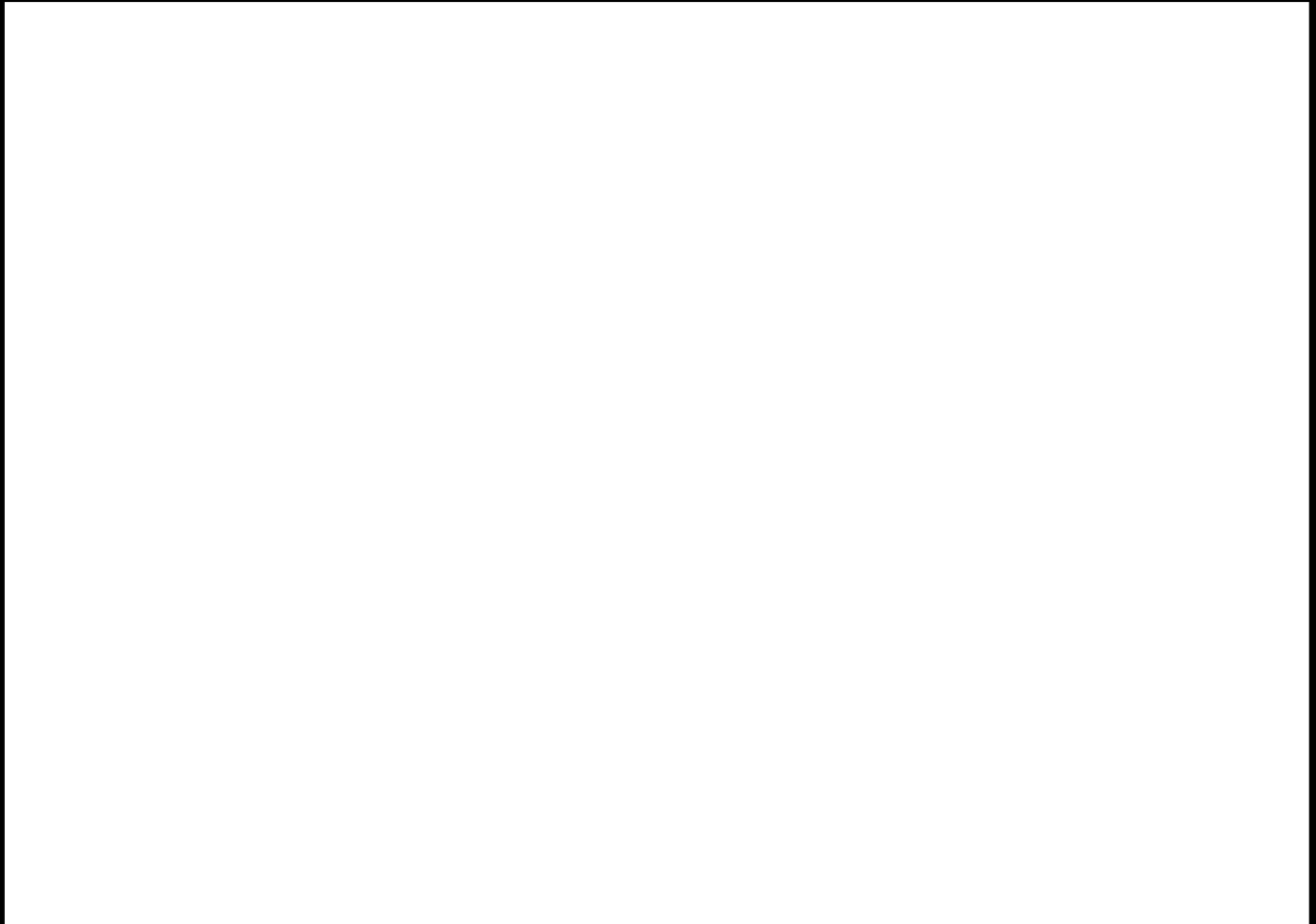
- A formal judgment of guilt entered by a court, or
- If adjudication of guilt has been withheld, where:
  - a judge or jury has found the alien guilty or the alien has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or has admitted sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilt; and
  - the judge has ordered some form of punishment, penalty, or restraint on the alien's liberty to be imposed.



# Formal Judgment of Guilt by Court

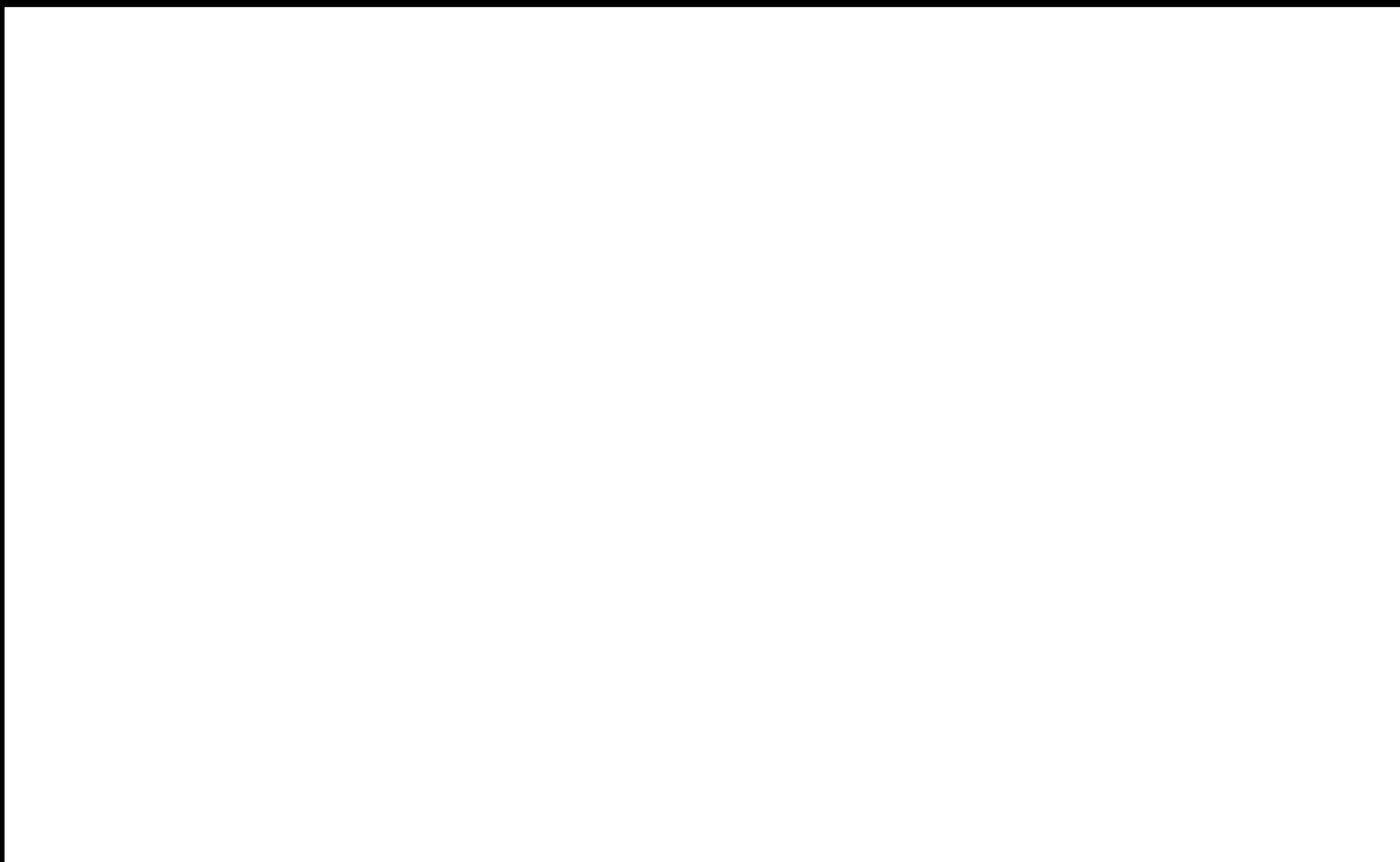


# No Entry of Judgment of Guilt





# Conviction - Pleas







# Conviction - Punishment, Penalty, Restraint on Liberty



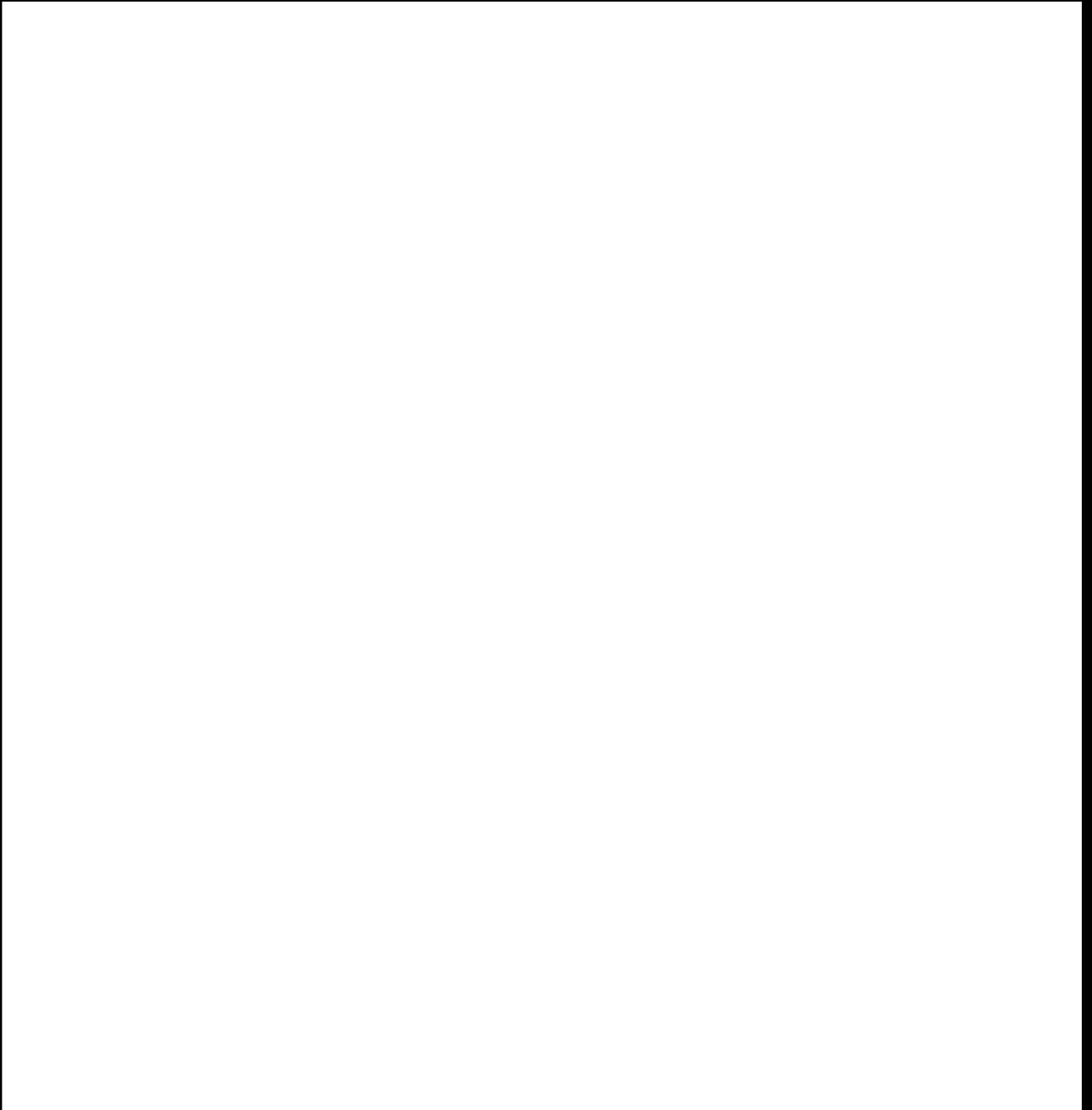
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# Examples (Continued)



# Examples (Continued)



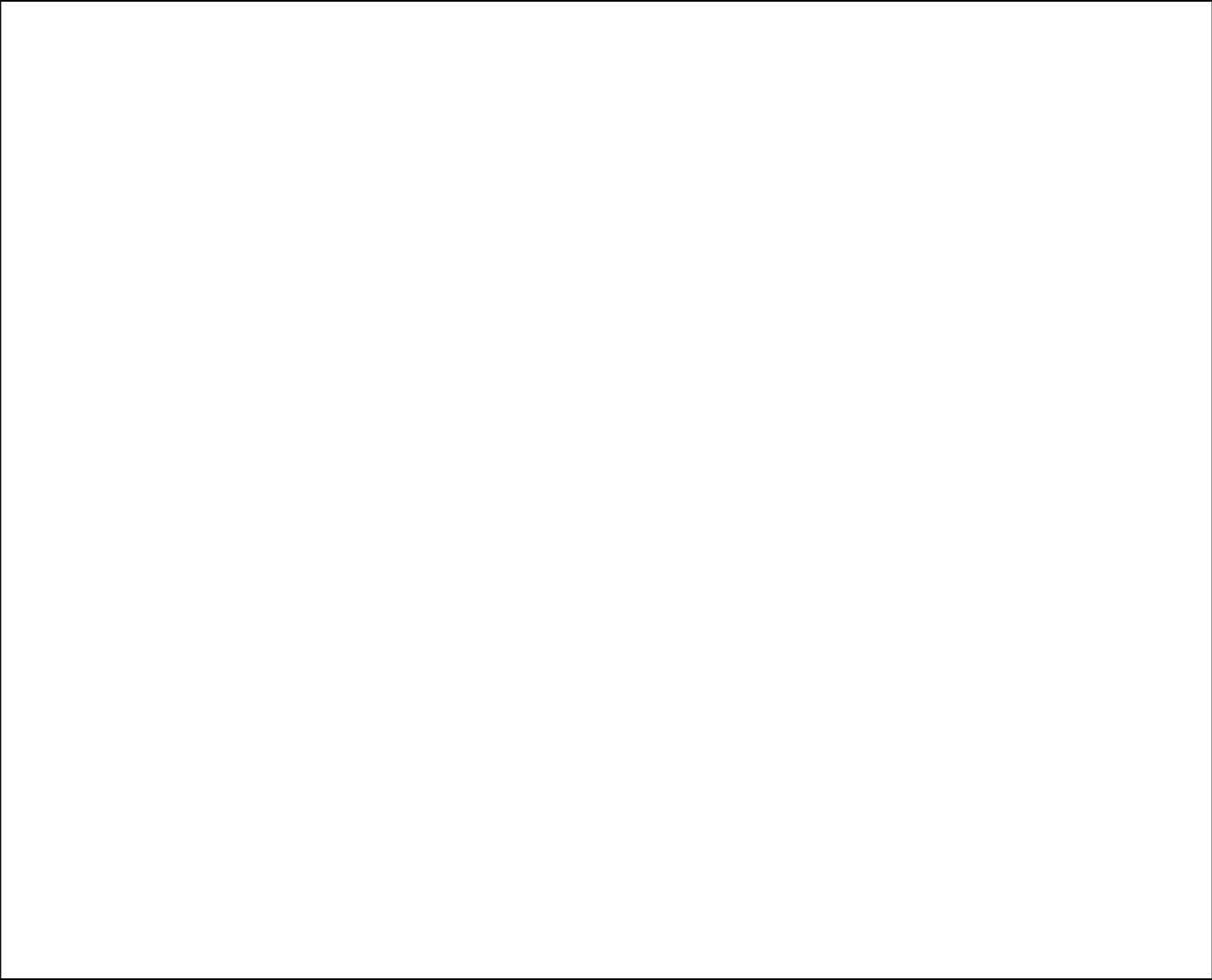
# Not a Conviction?



# Convictions - Appeals



# Vacated / Expunged Convictions





# Vacated / Expunged Convictions







# Juveniles





# Pardons





# Exceptional Circumstances

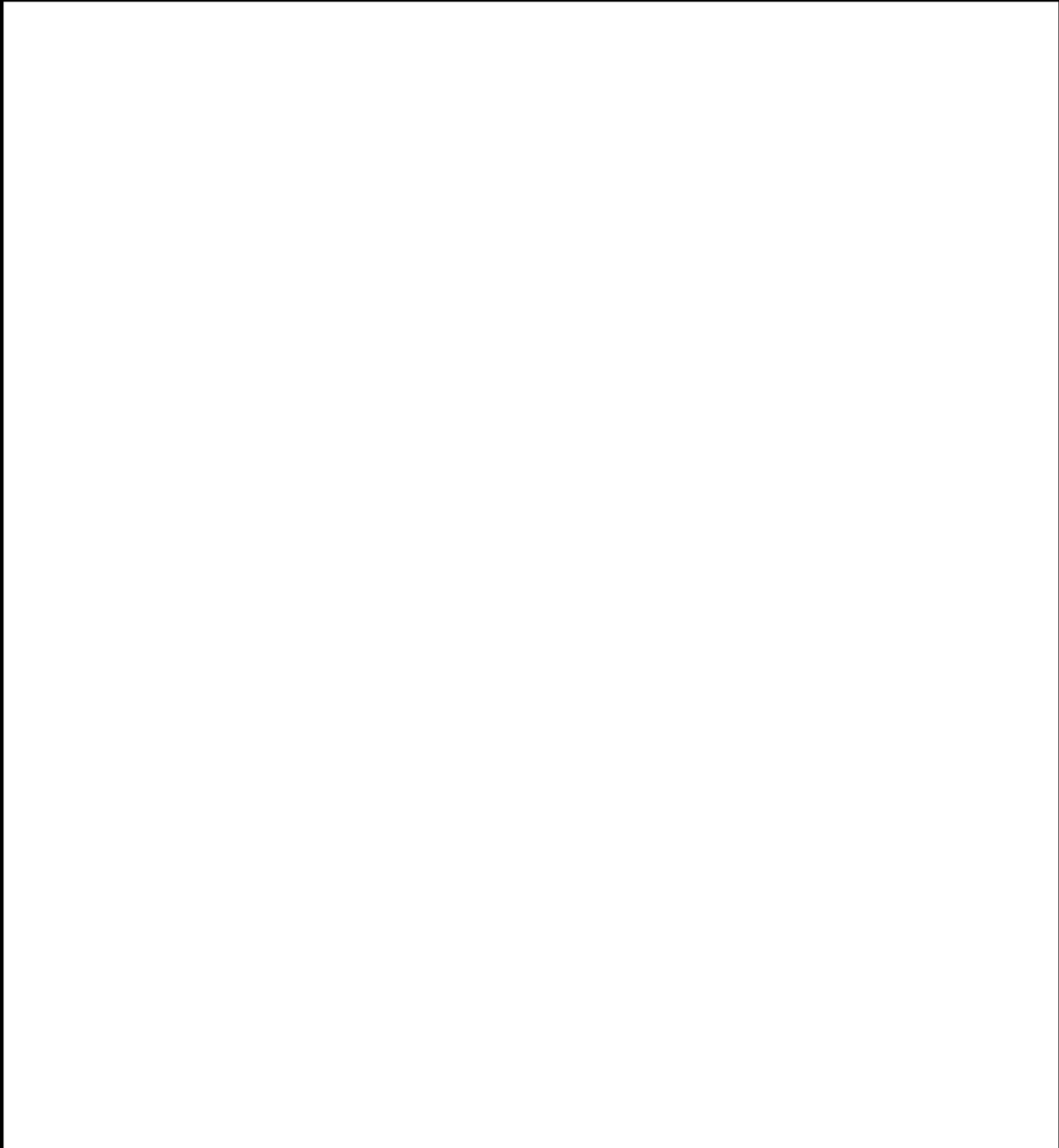








# Evaluating Cases for EPS Concerns





# Determining When a Case Requires BCU Handling





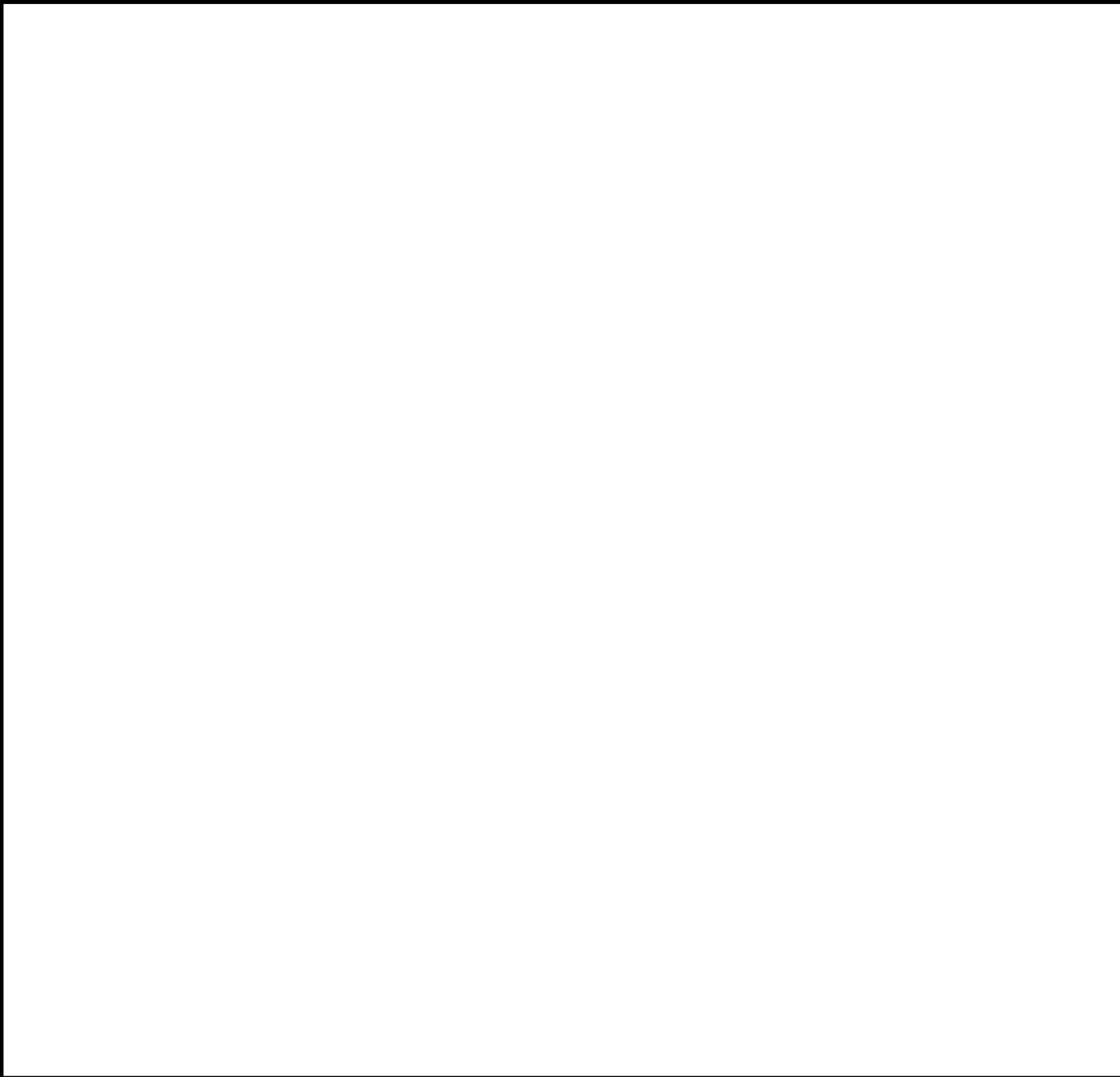
# Determining When a Case Requires BCU Handling (Continued)







# Handling DACA Cases with Public Safety Concerns









# Handling Cases Indicating Possible Gang Membership / Activity





# Handling Cases Indicating Possible Gang Membership / Activity (Continued)





# Exercise



# When Supervisory Review is Required for Denials Involving Issues of Criminality, Public Safety, or National Security



# IX. Fraud and Misrepresentation



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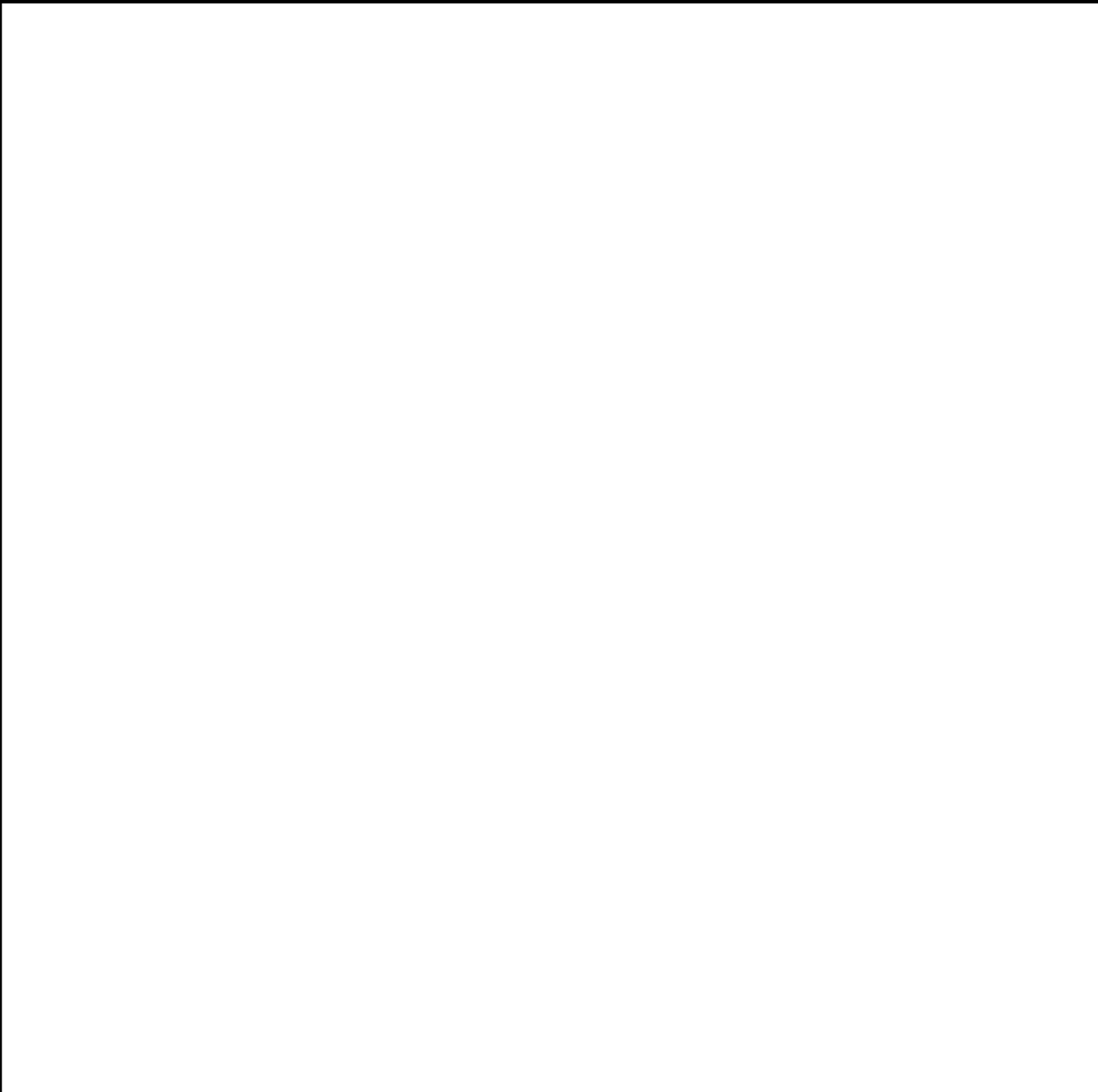
# Module Objective



# Fraud Review and Fraud Referrals



# Fraud Review and Fraud Referrals (Continued)



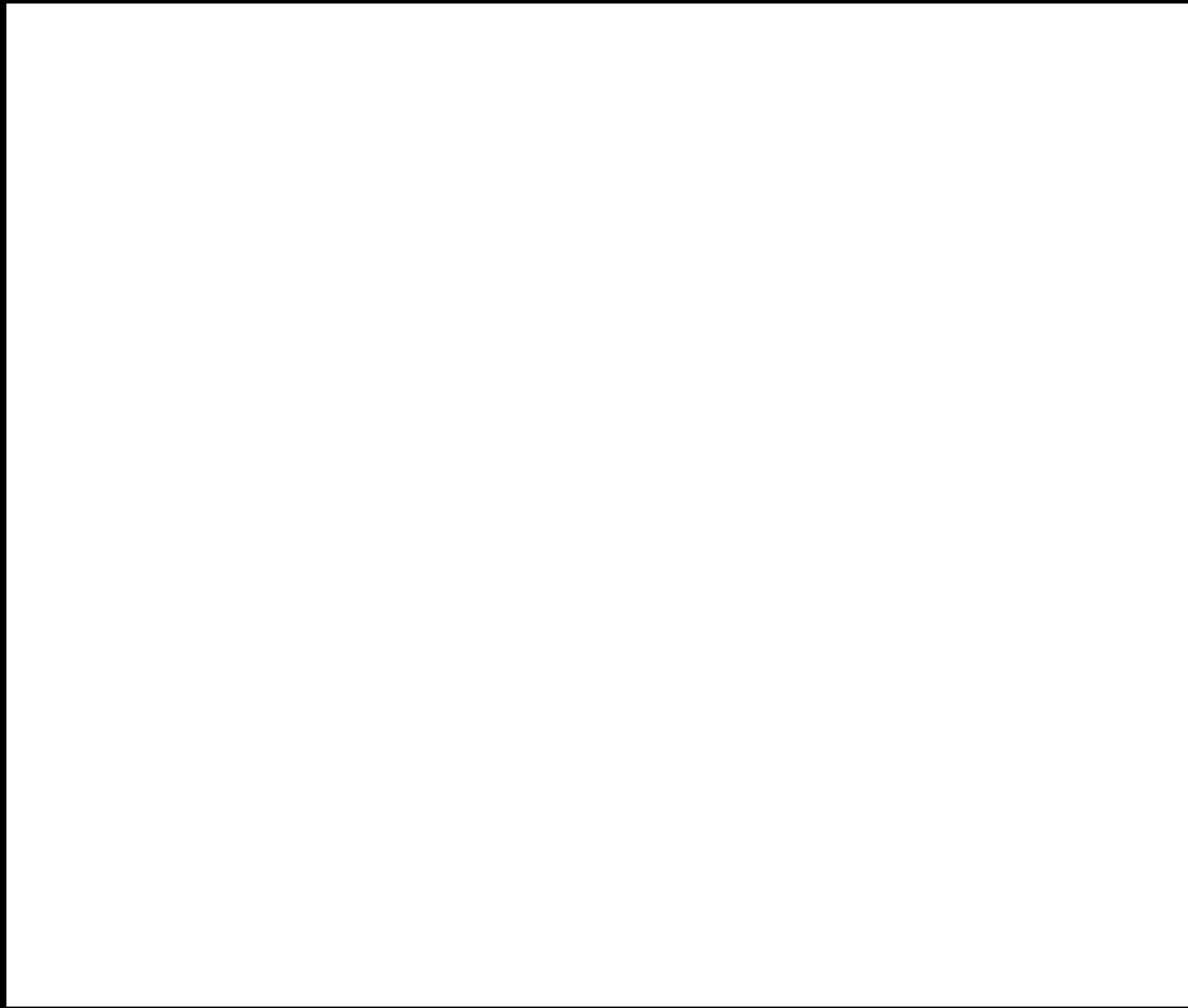


# How to Evaluate Inconsistencies





# How to Evaluate Inconsistencies (Continued)





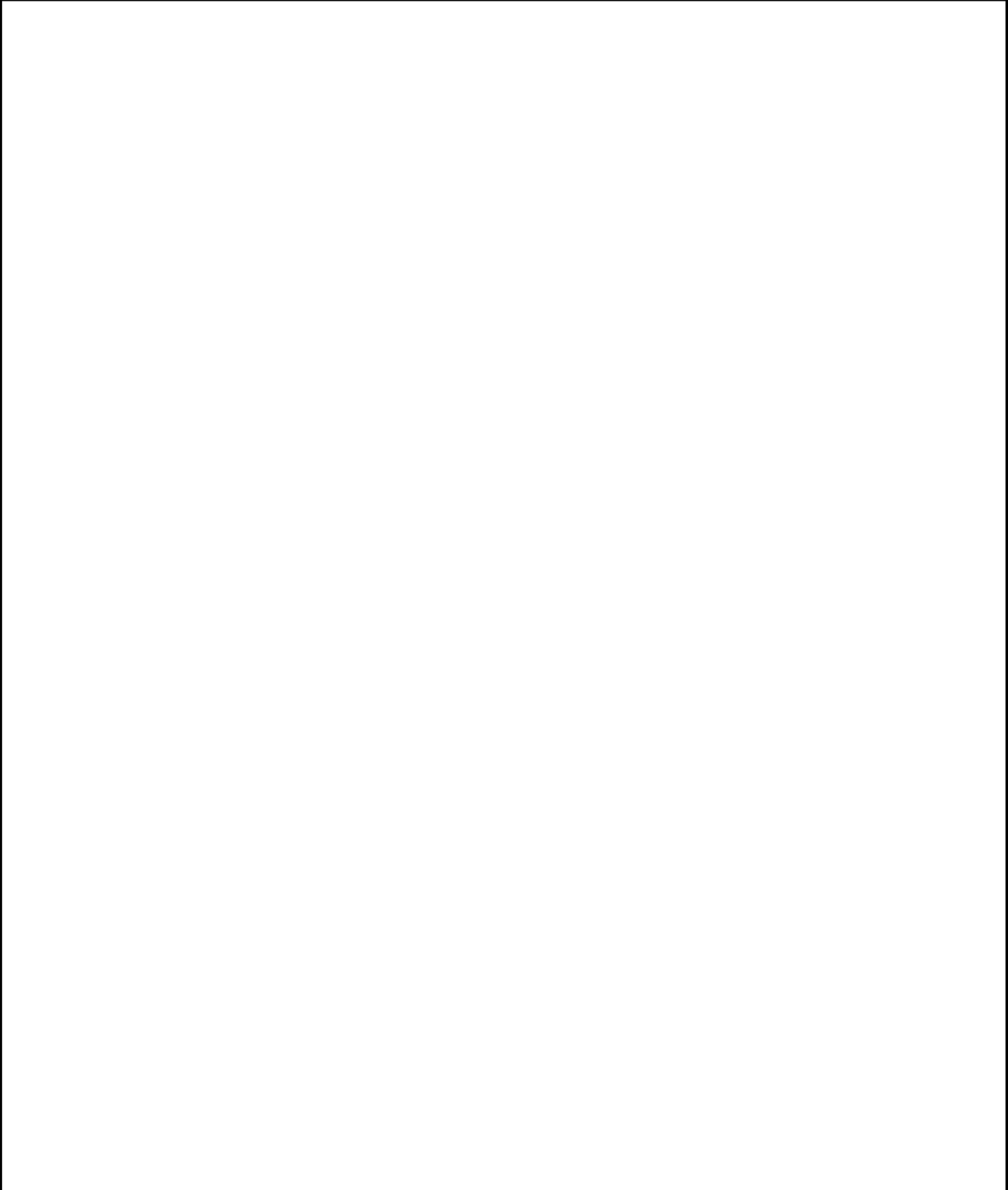








# The Work Product You Can Expect From the CFDO

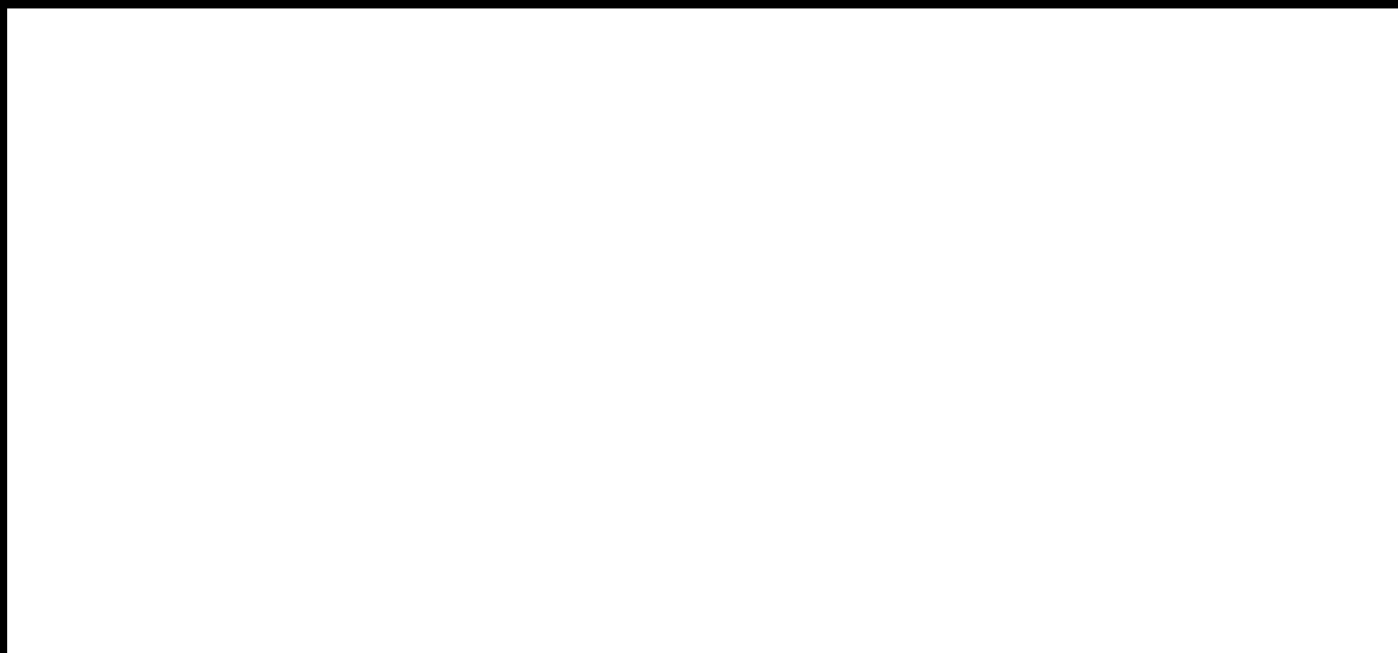


# Limitations of the CFDO





# What Will You Receive from CFDO?



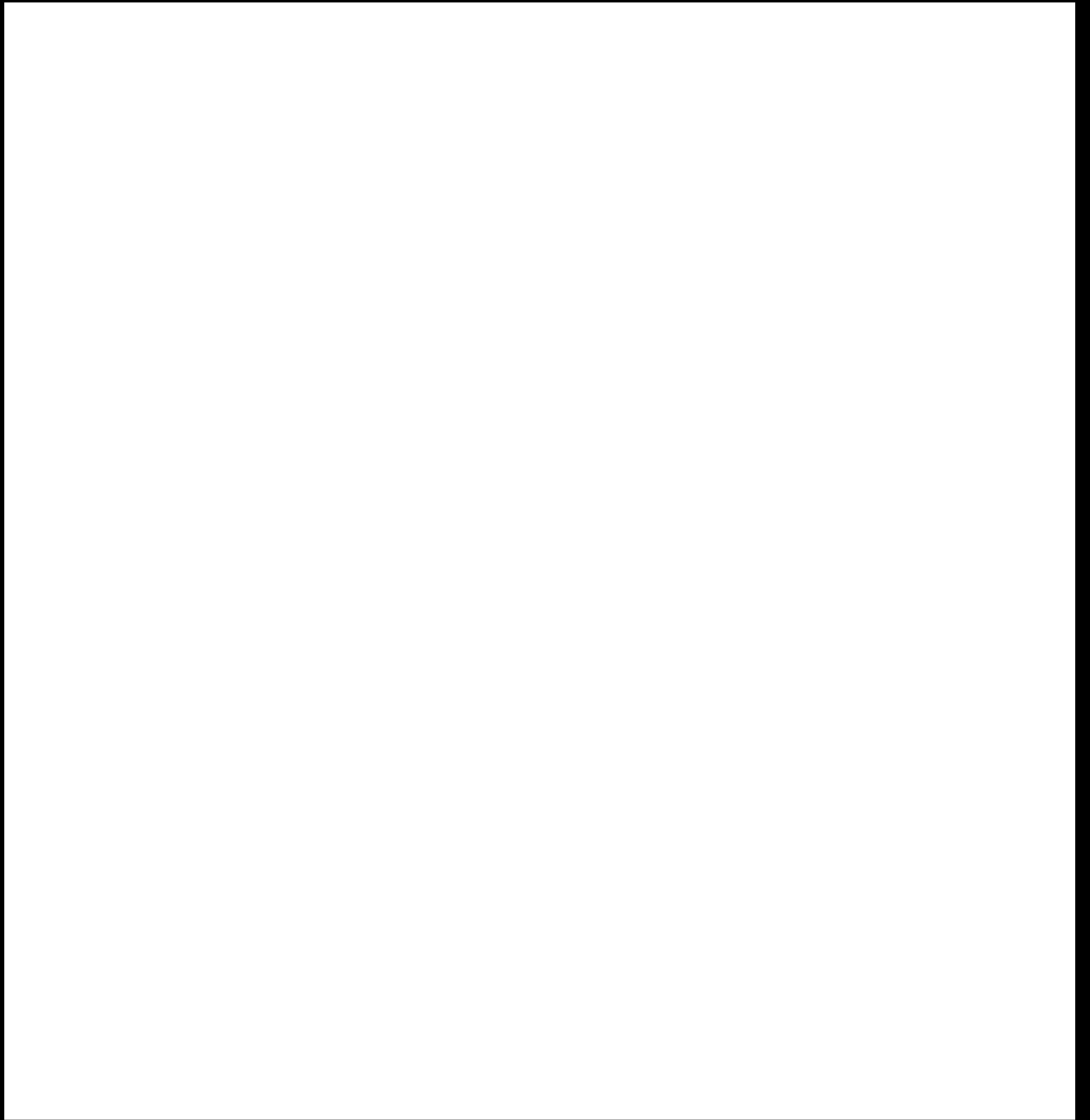


# CFDO Referrals and Responses





# Inadmissibility Due to Fraud or Misrepresentation





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# The Field Information Report (FIR)





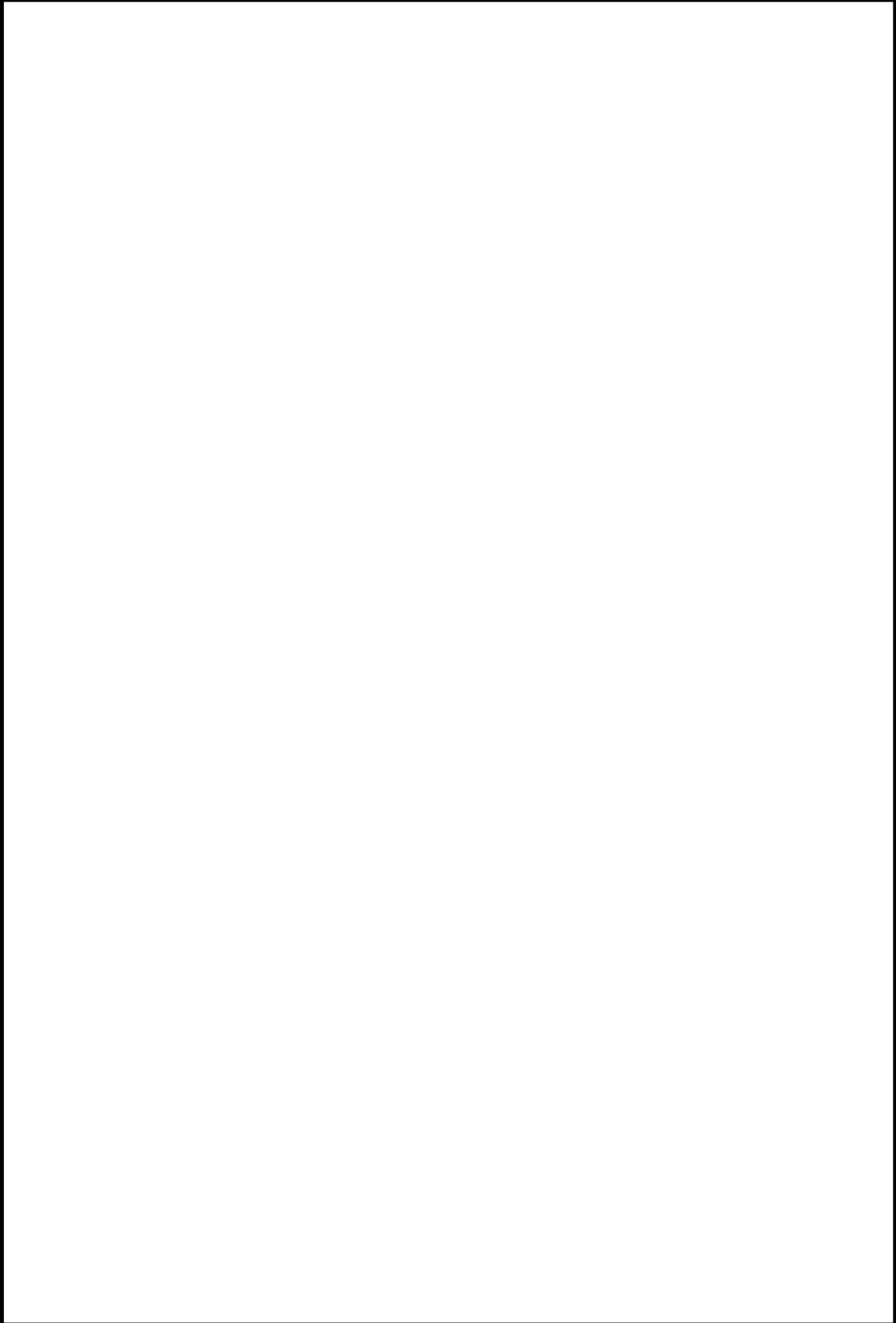


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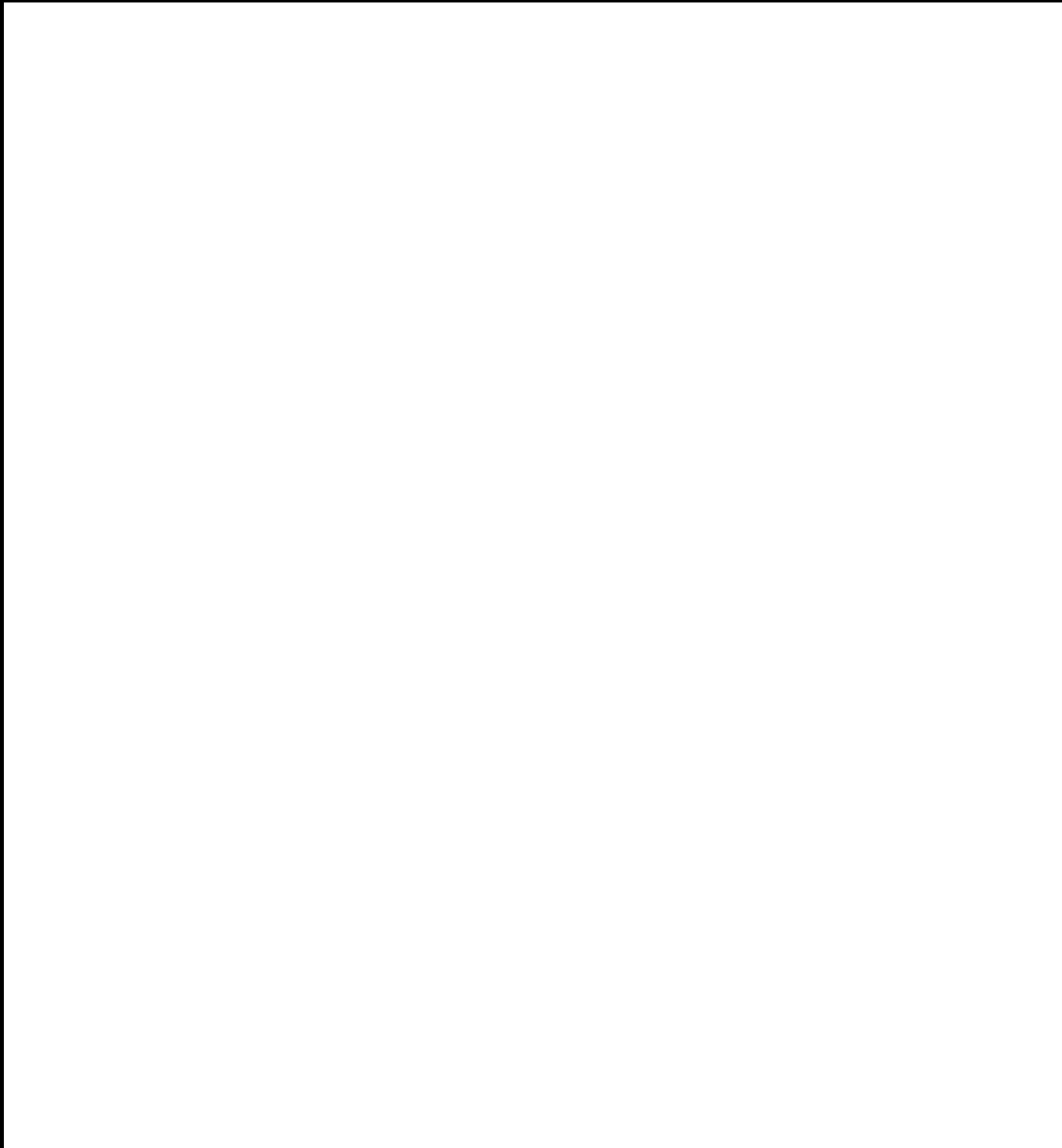


# The Reporting and Analysis Cycle





# Fact Patterns



# X. RFE and Plain Language Basics



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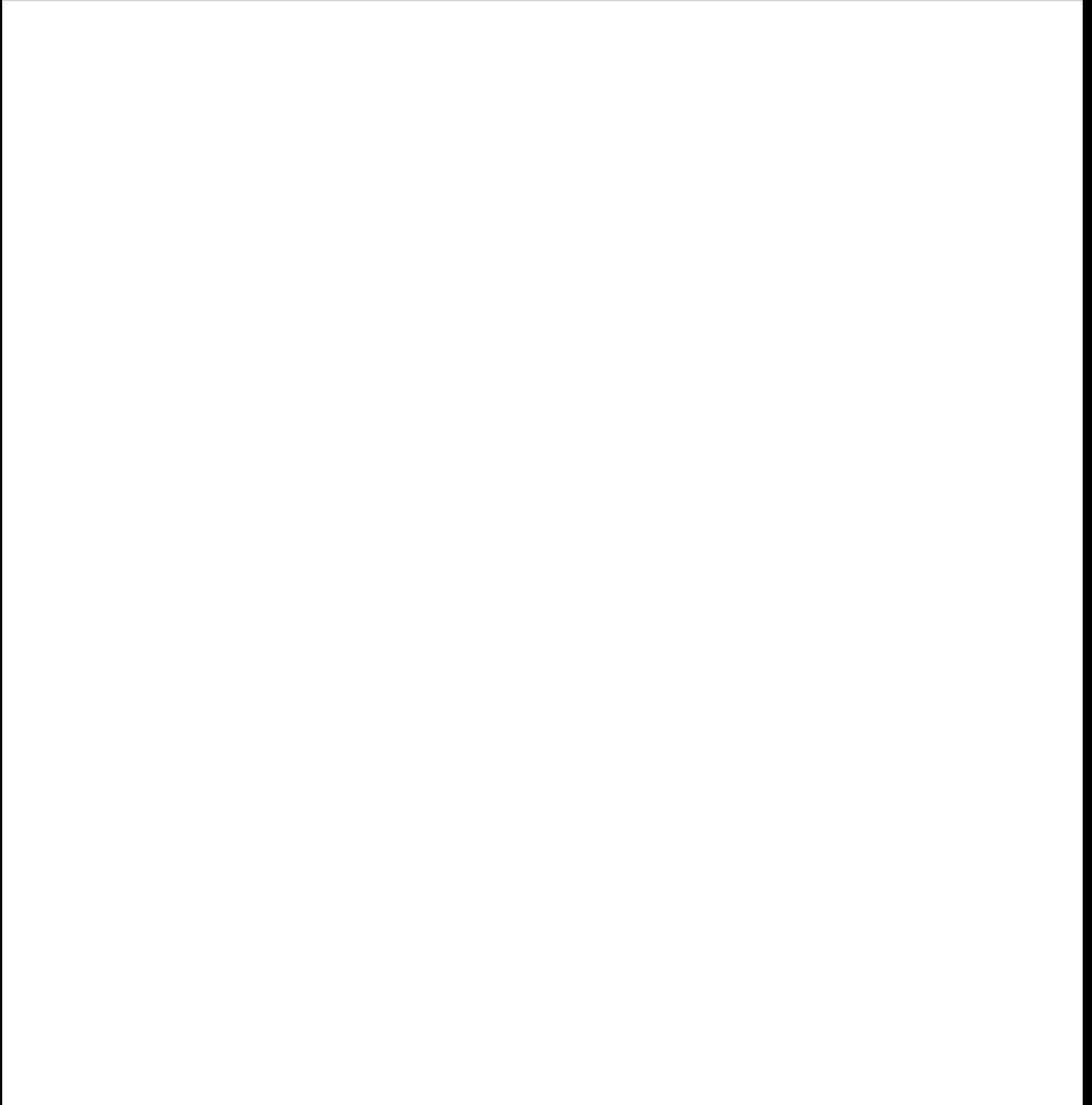
# Plain Language Basics



# Plain Language Basics (Continued)



# Word and Phrase Usage





# Clear and Focused RFEs





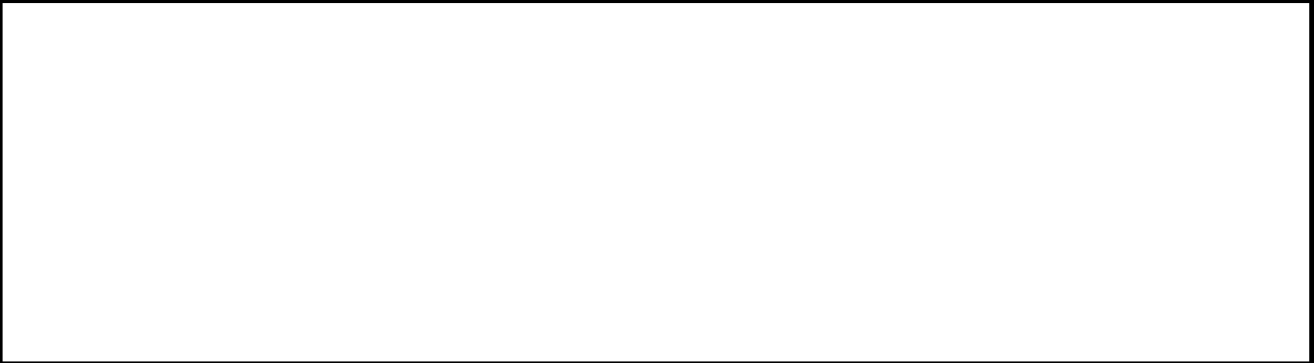
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# Neutral Tone



# Use of Legal Citation



# XI. Decision Systems Processing



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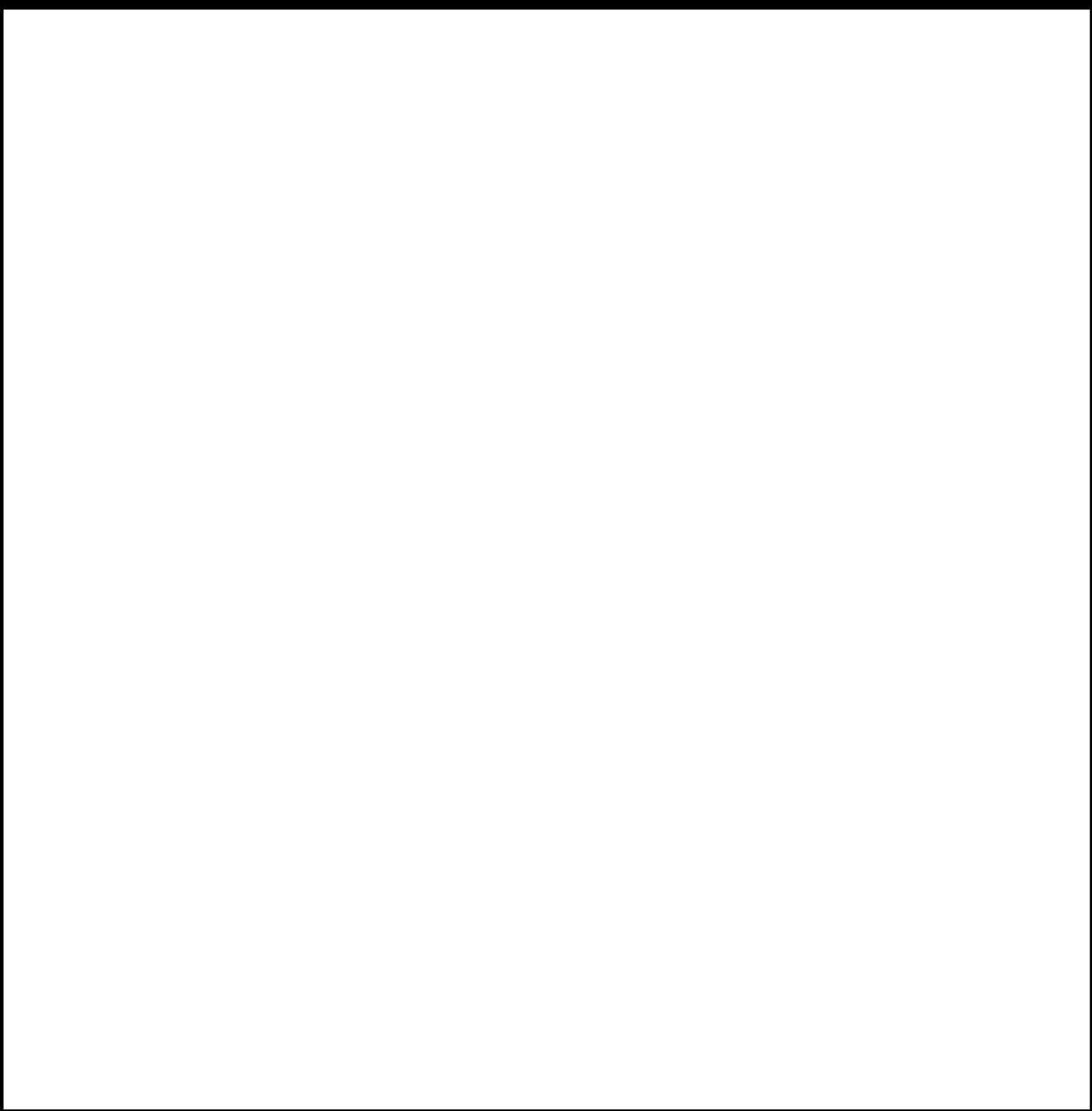


# Processing Decisions





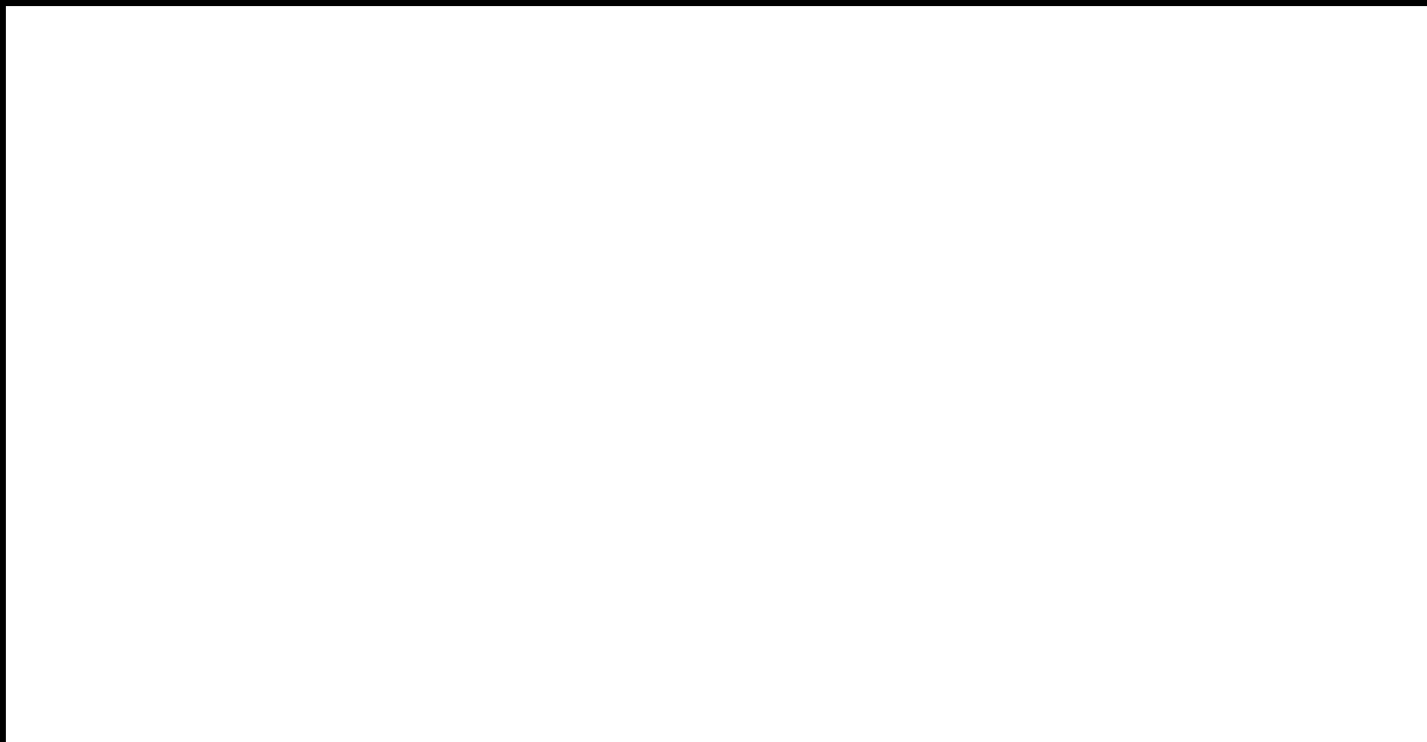
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# Processing Decisions – Fraud Indicators



# Processing Decisions – RFE

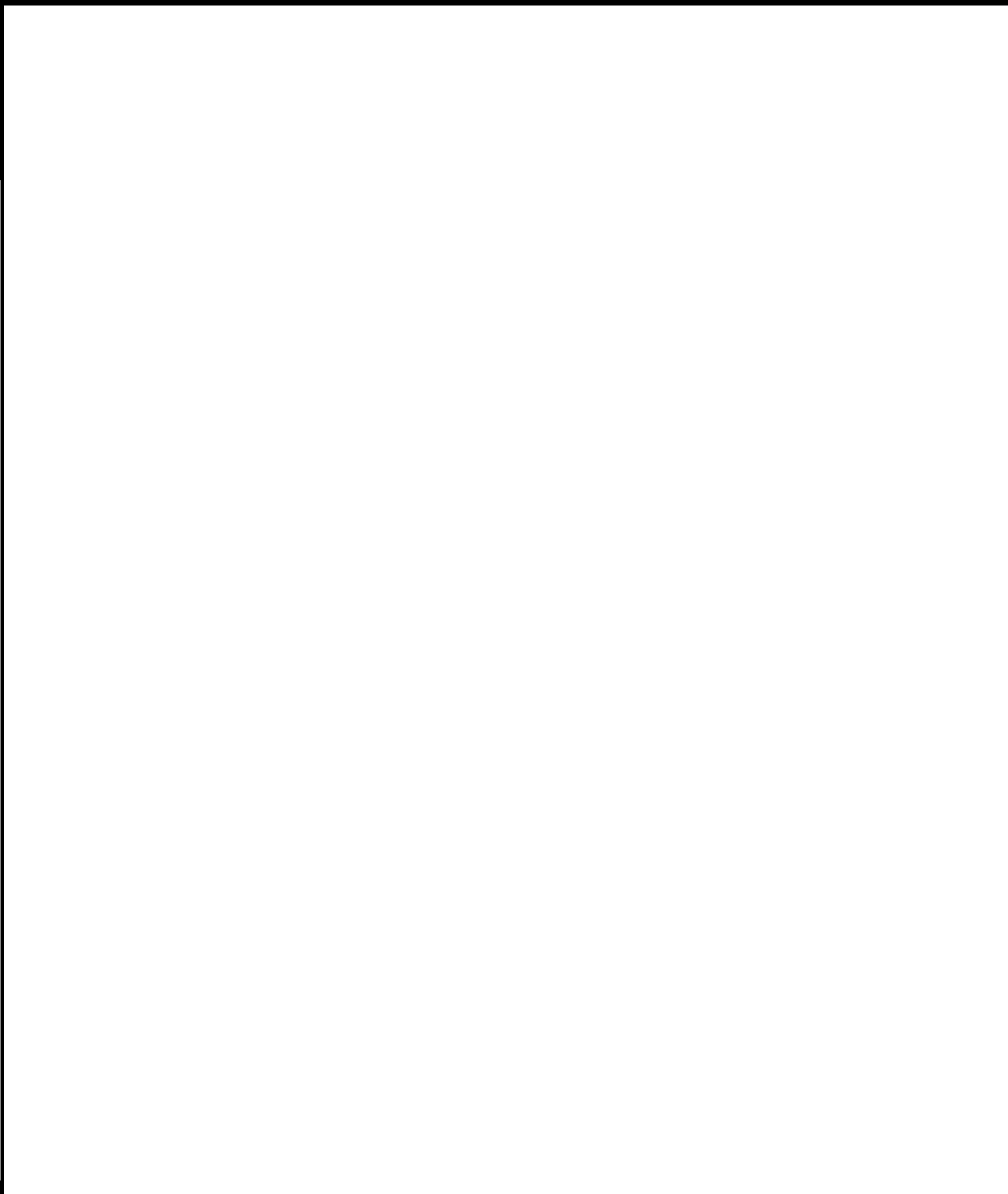




# Processing Decisions – NOID



# Processing Decisions – Approvals



# Processing Decisions – Denials





# DACA Denial Template

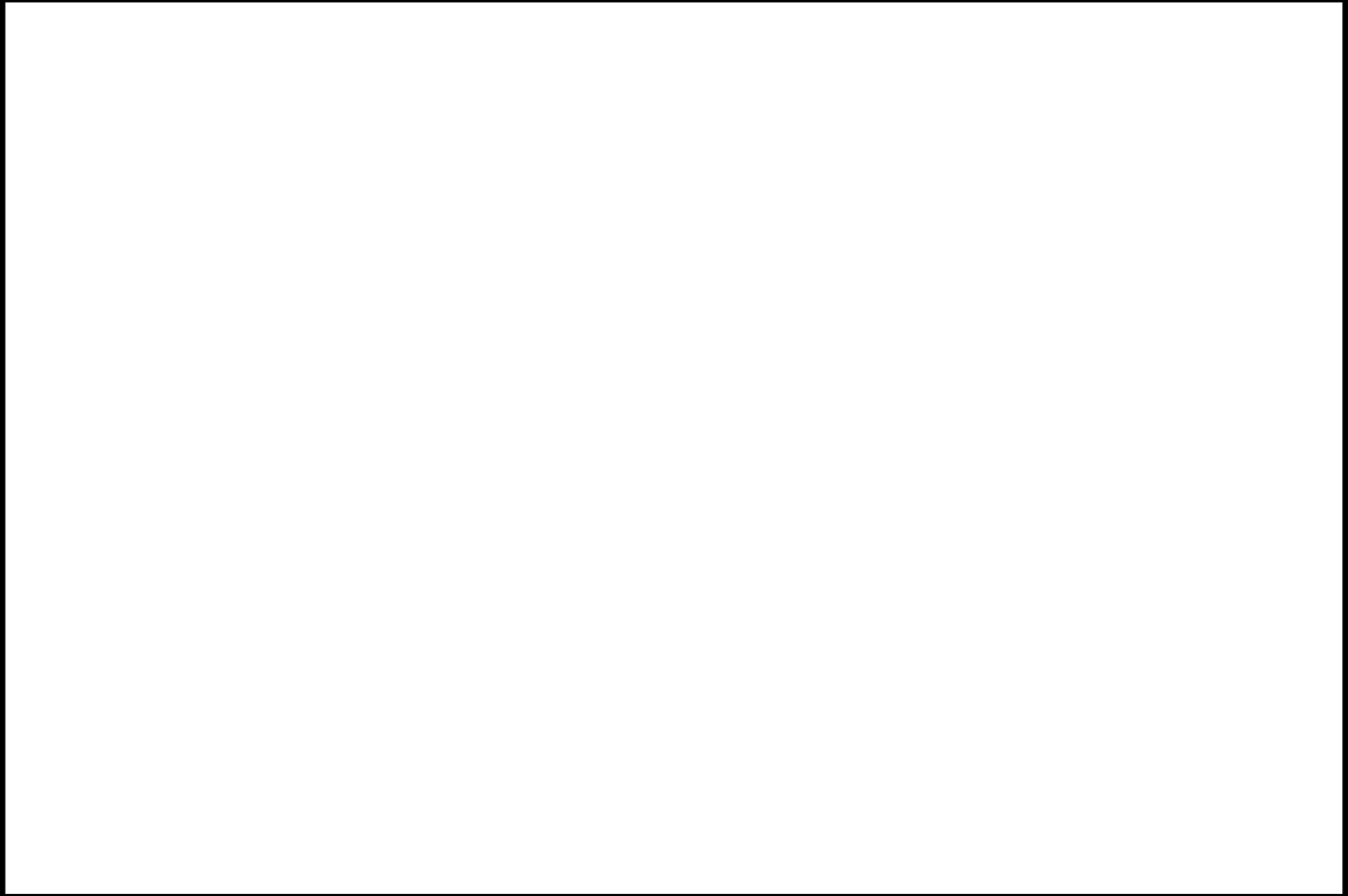




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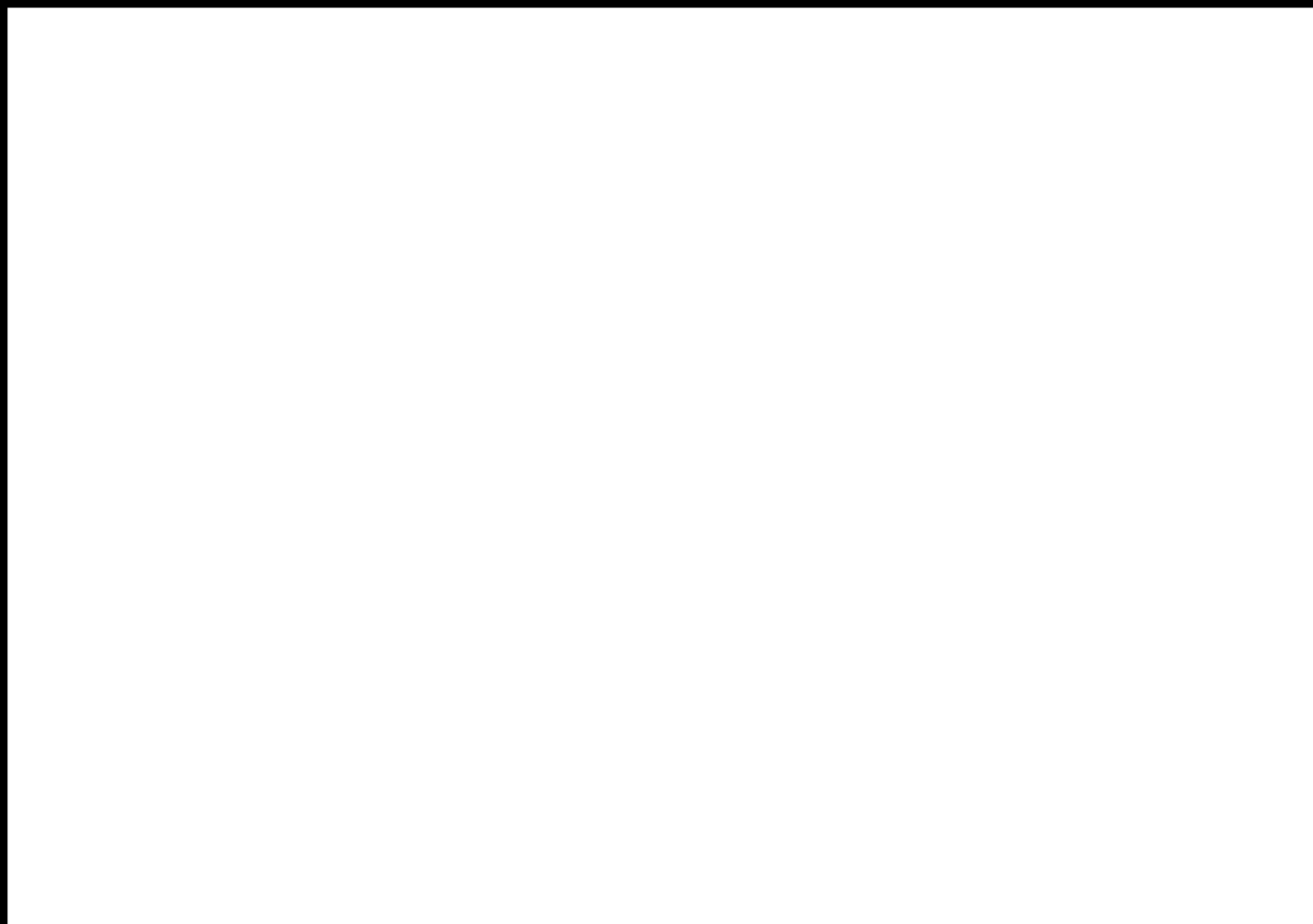


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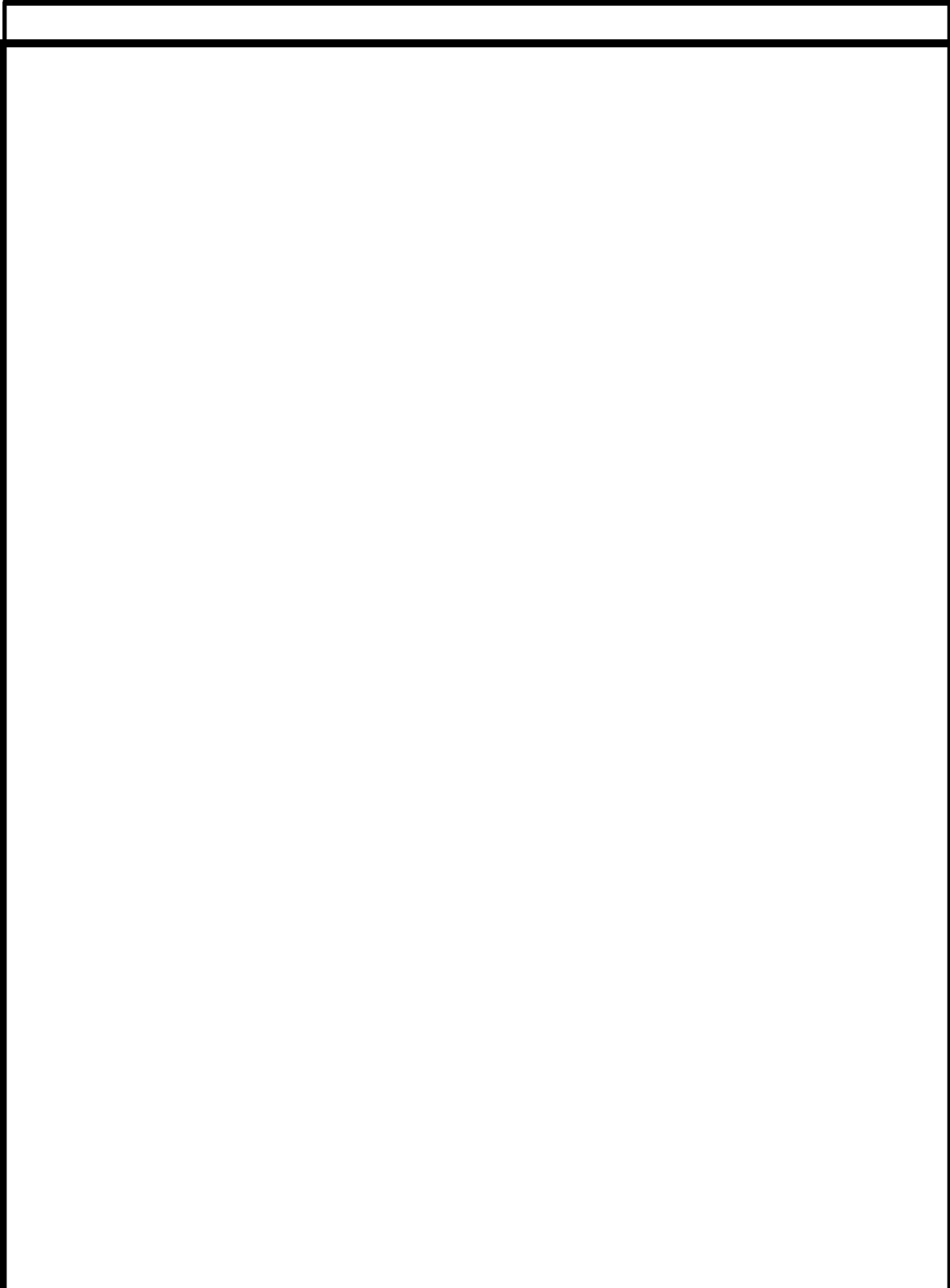
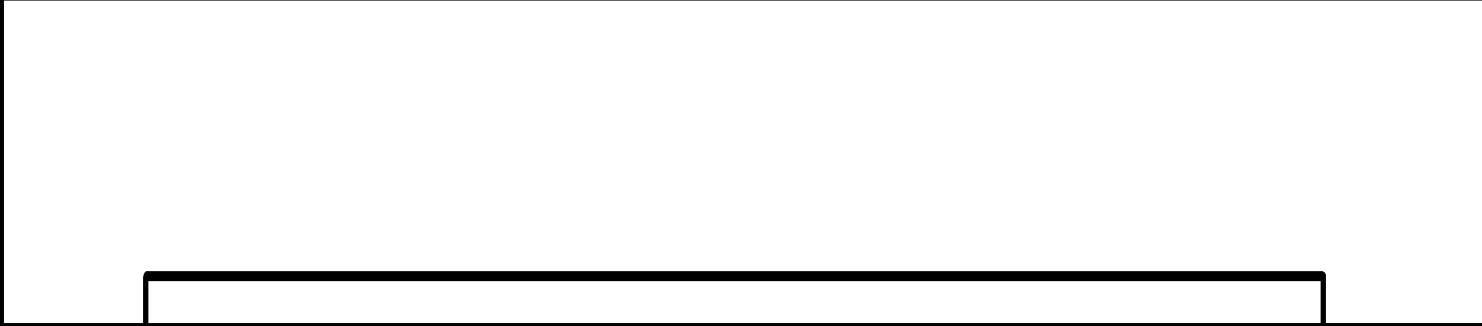




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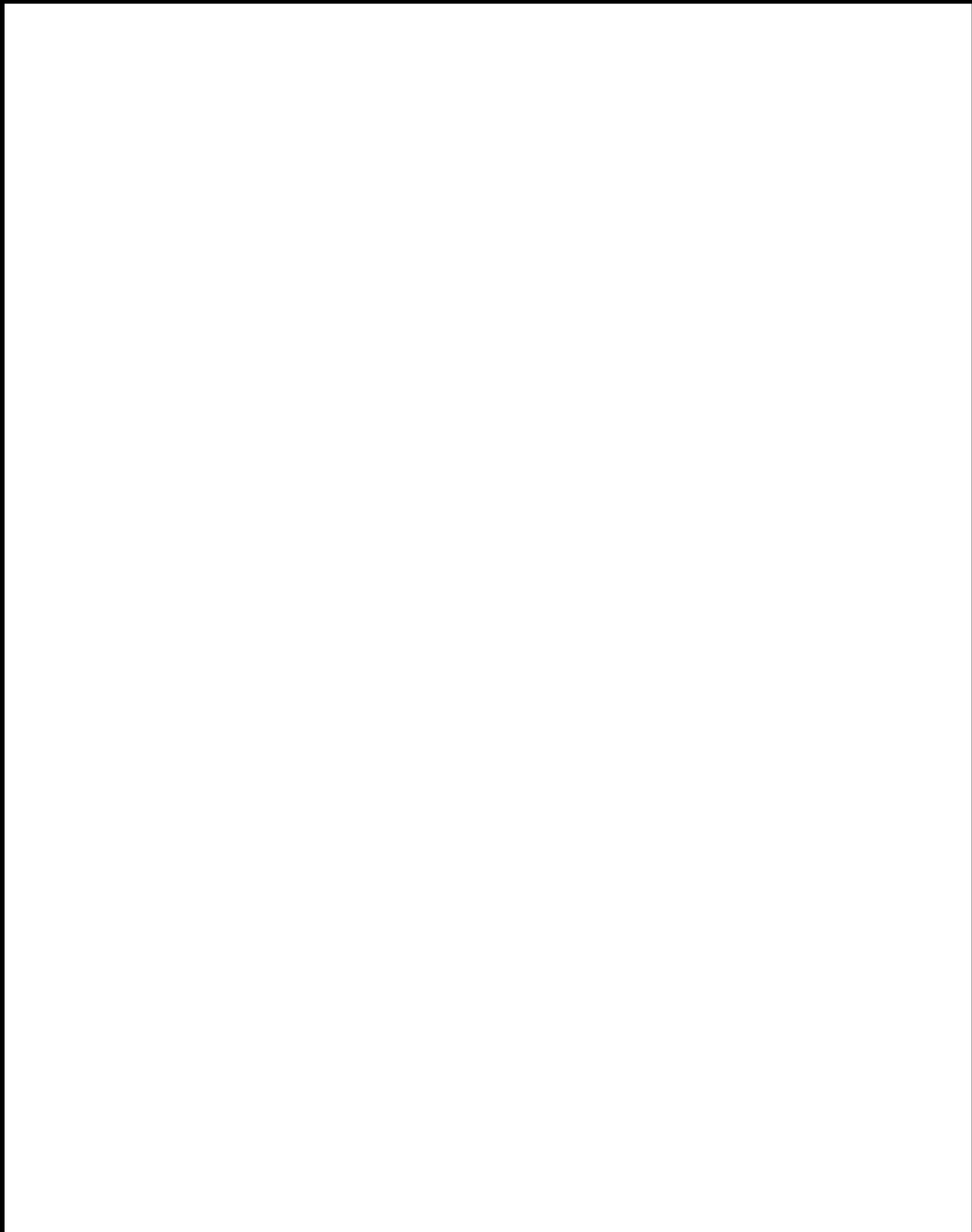


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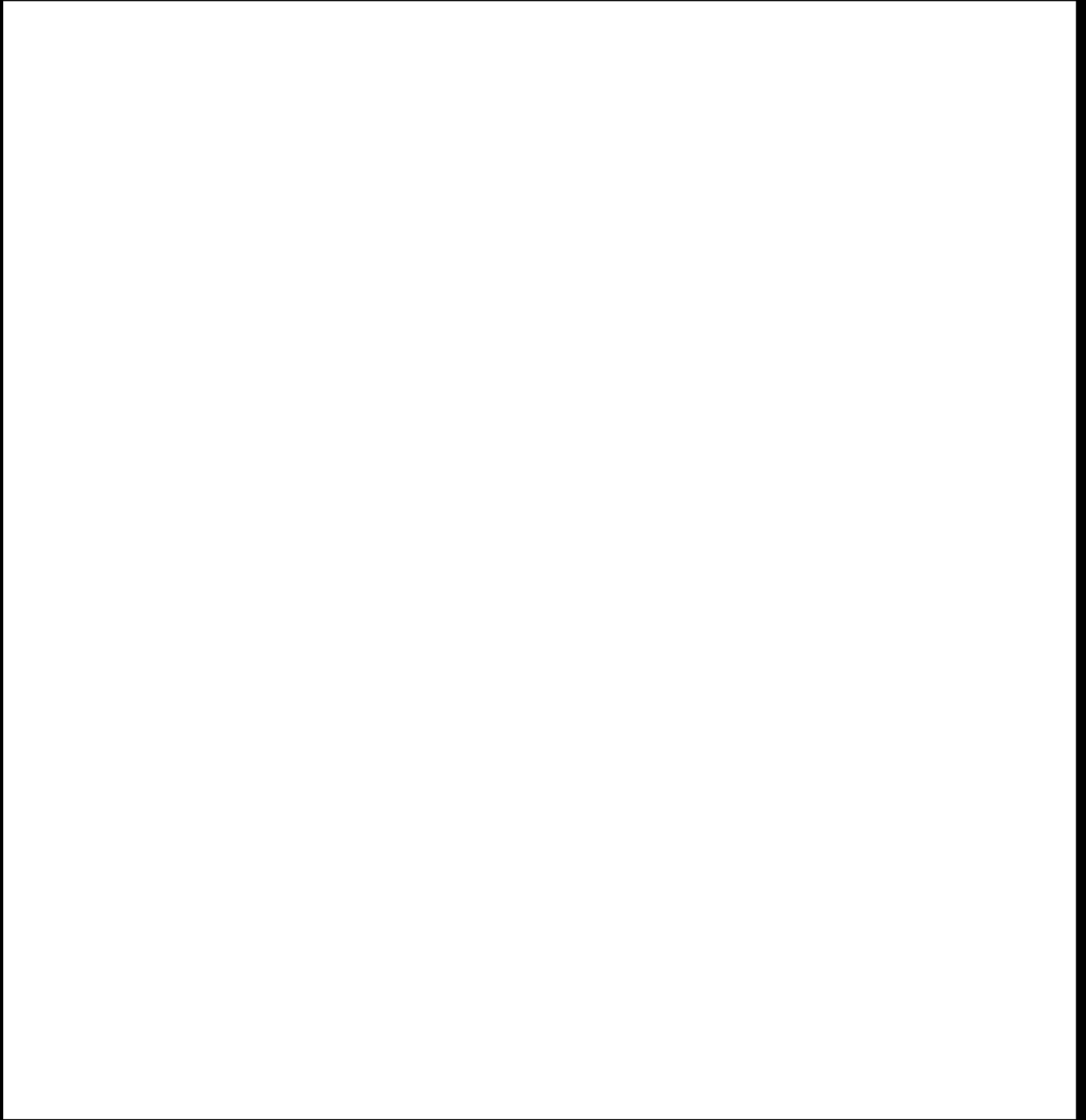
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# Processing Decisions – Denial for NSF

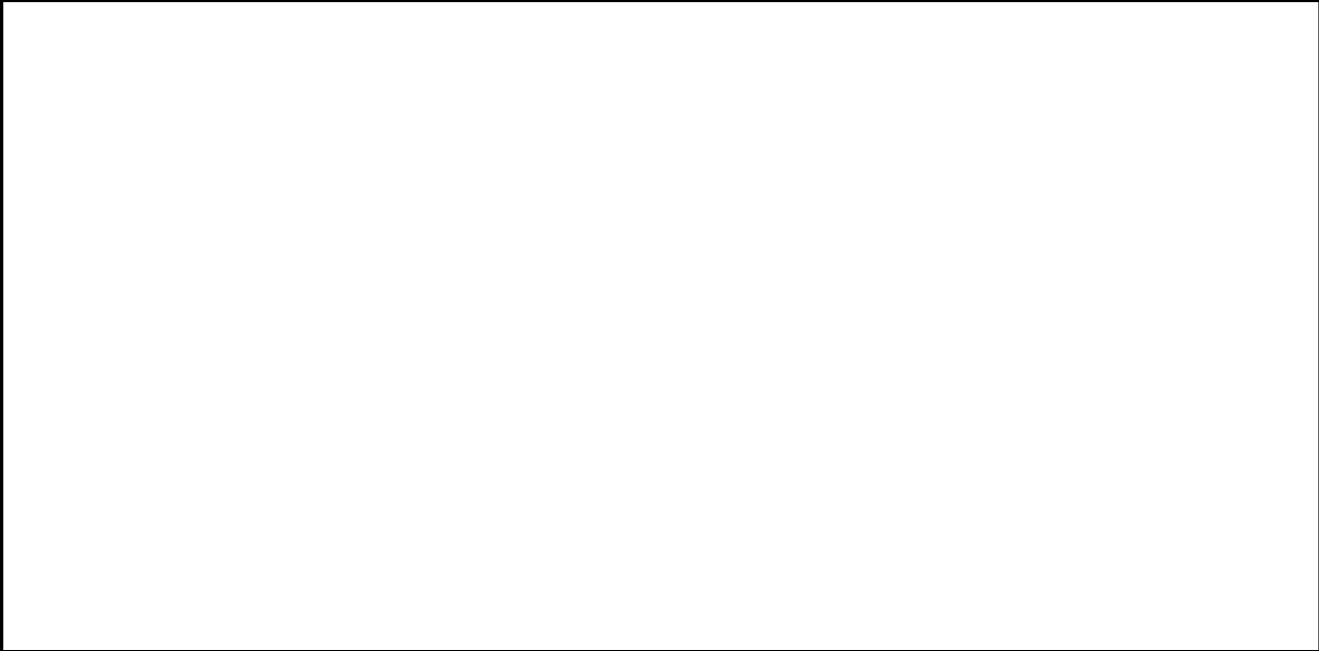


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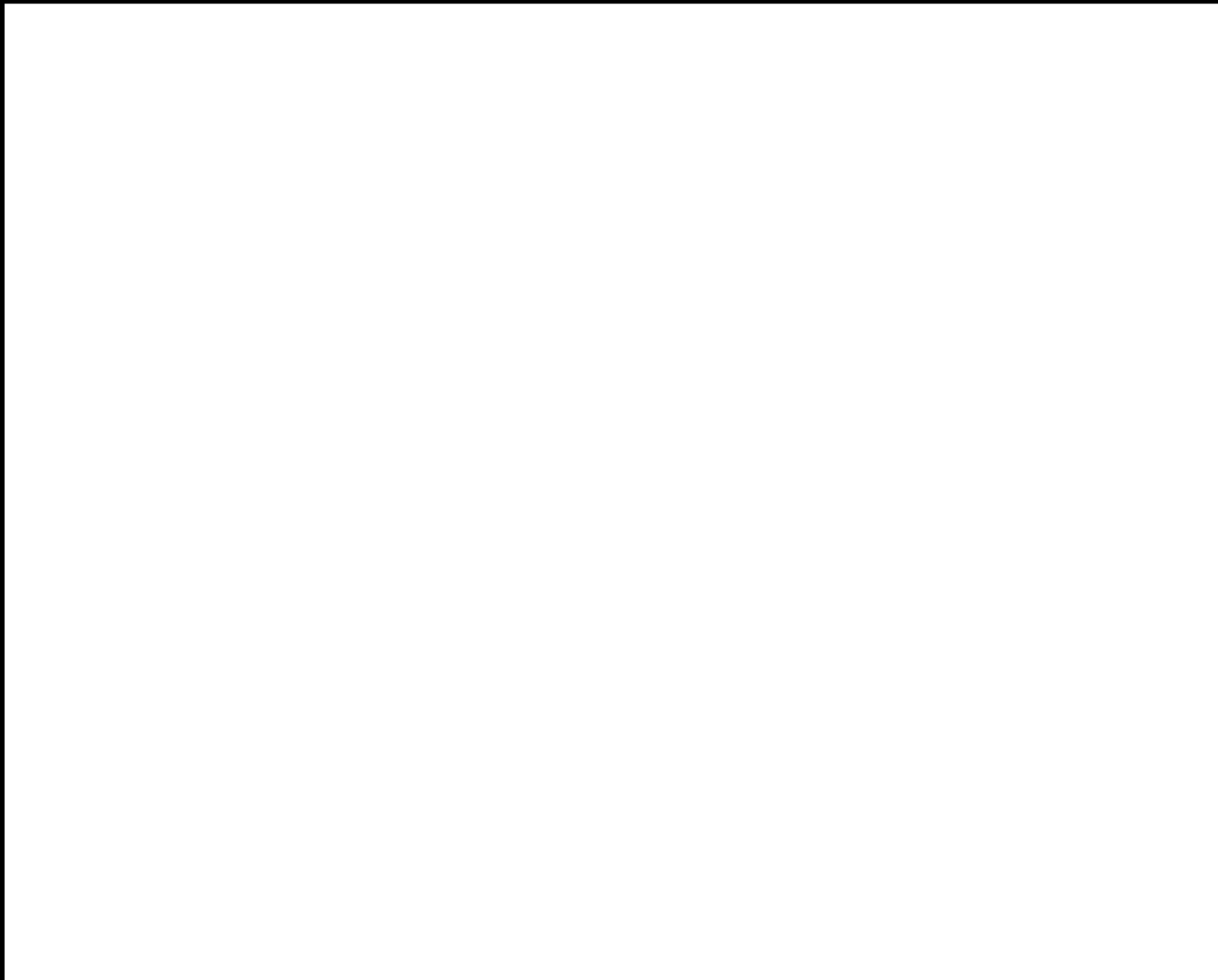
# Exercise







# Returned Mail



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# Returned Mail (Continued)



# XII. Responding to Requests to Review Certain Denials

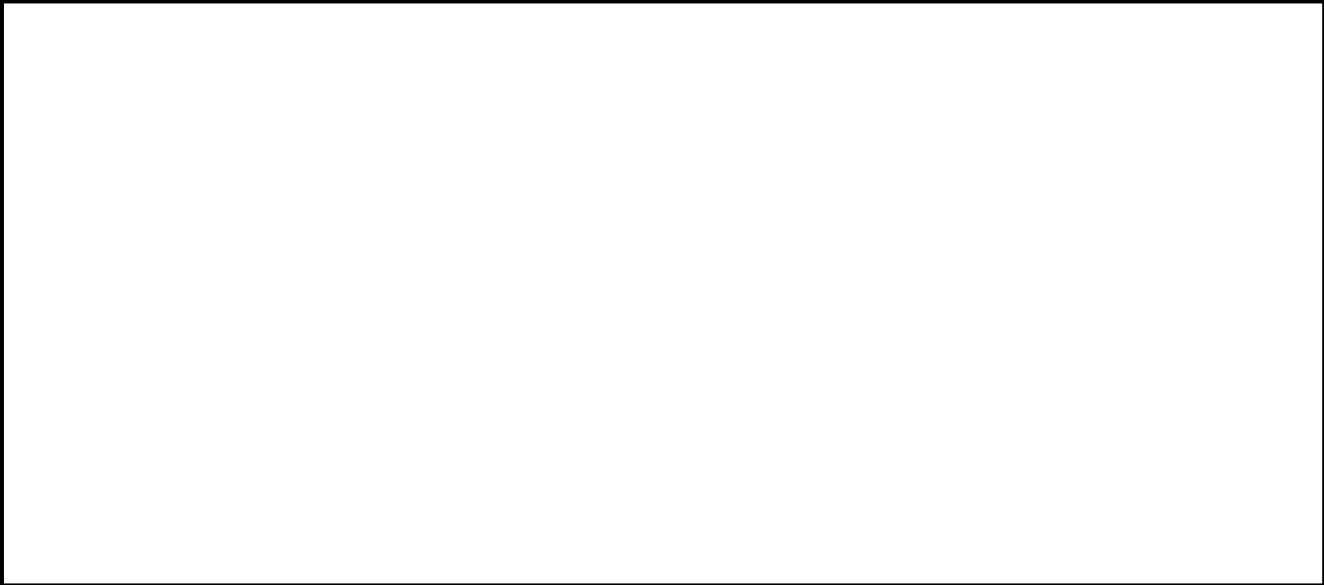


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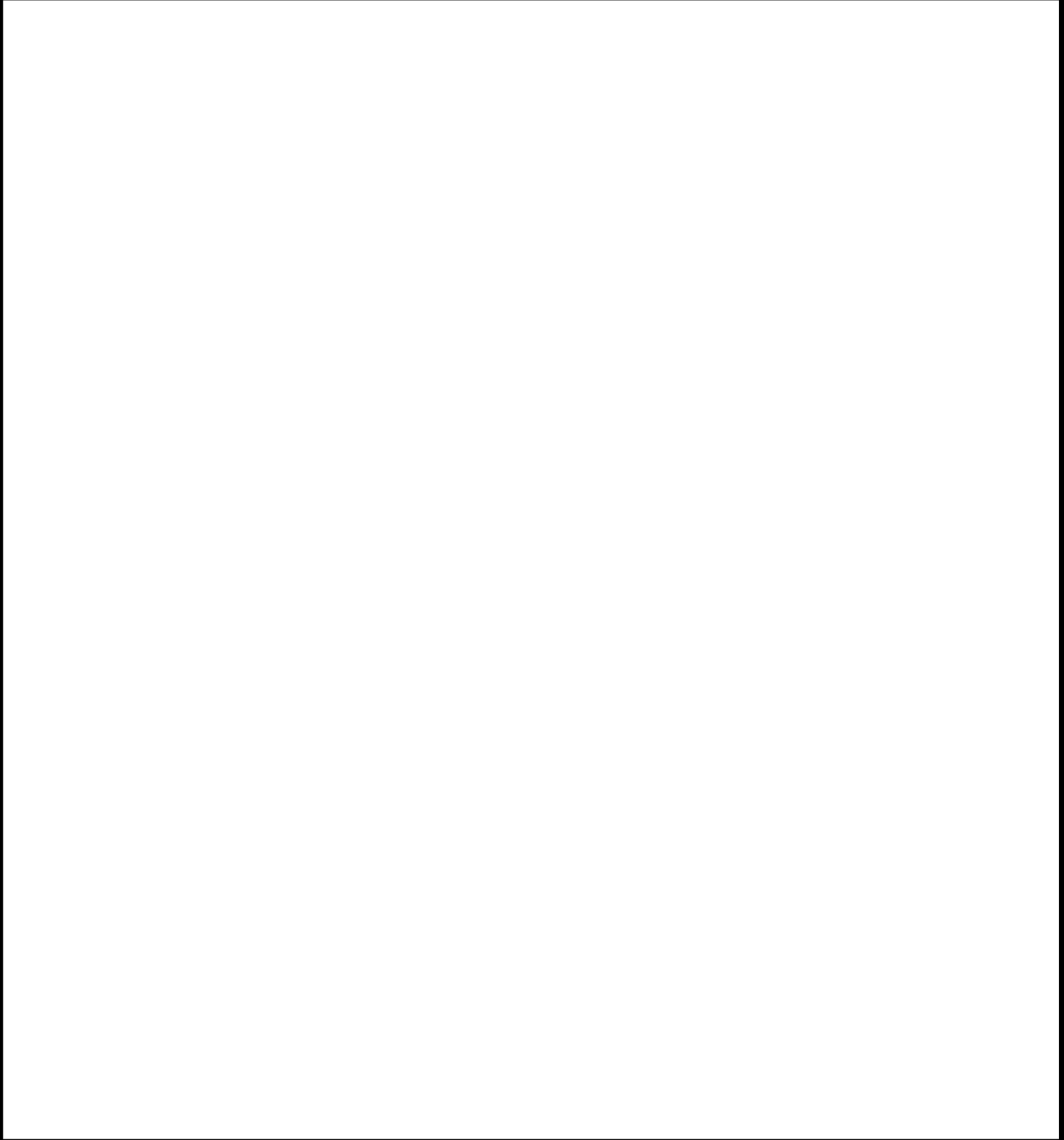
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# Module Objectives



# Requests for Review



# Responding to Requests to Review



# XIII. DACA Termination

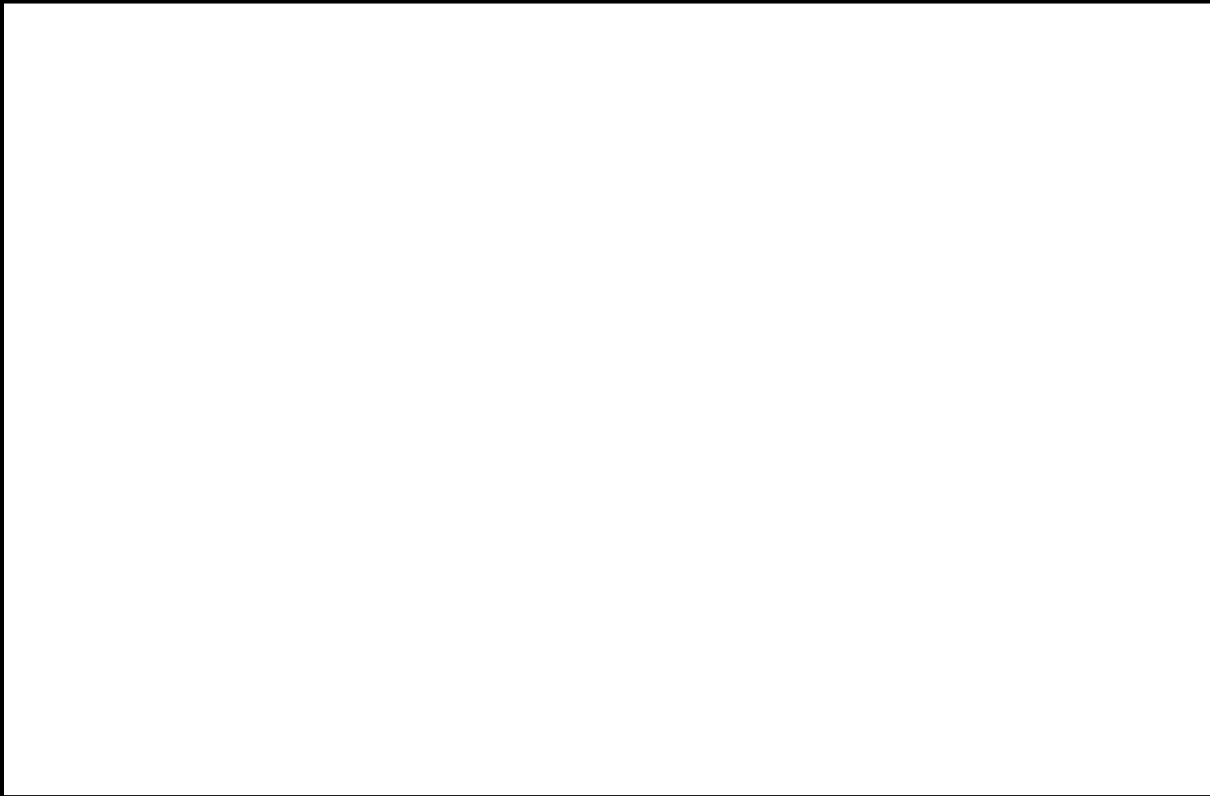


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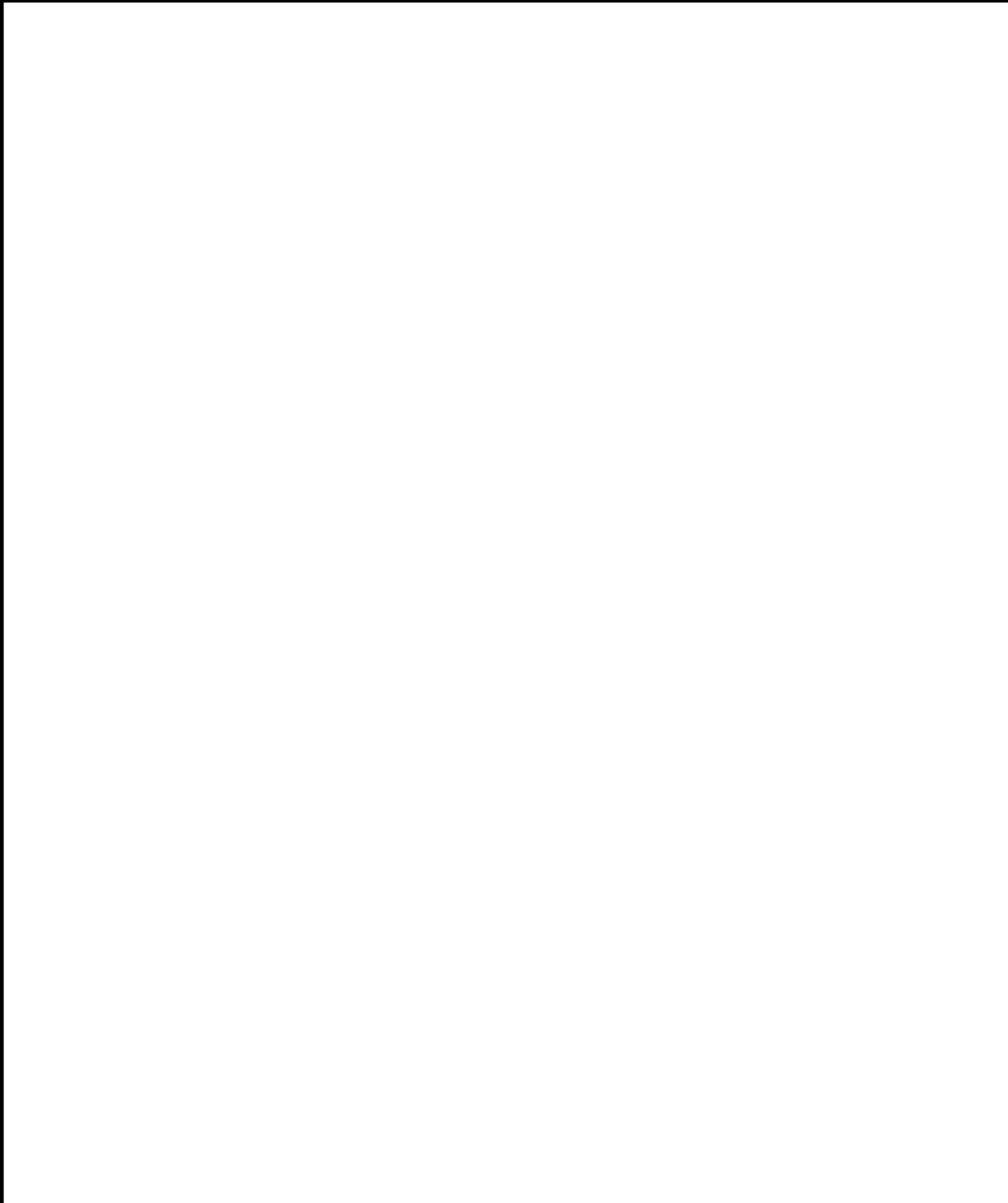




# DACA Termination - General Ineligibility



# DACA Termination – Fraud or Misrepresentation





# DACA Termination – Criminal, NS, or Public Safety Issues



# XIV. Employment Authorization Request



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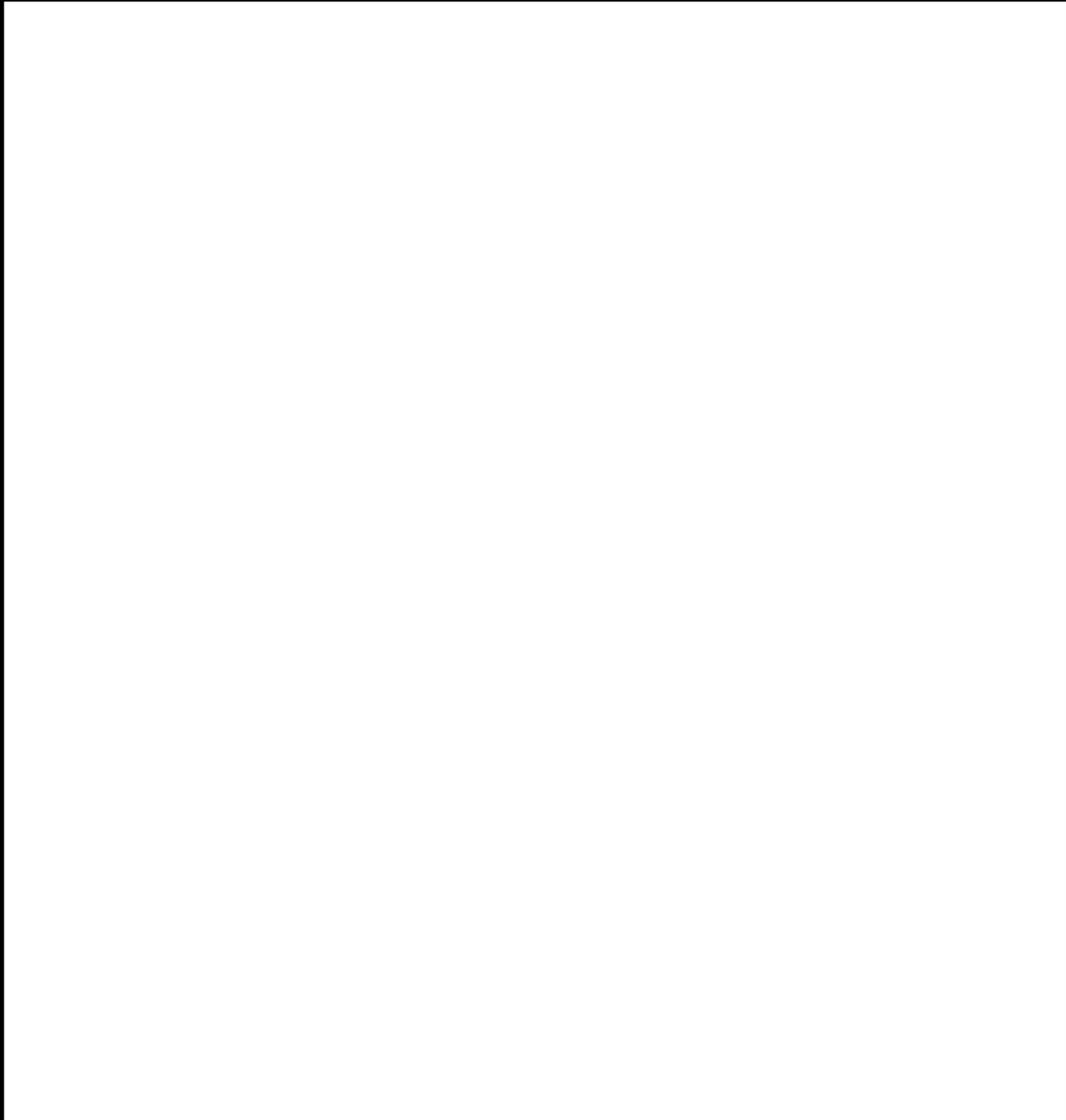
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# Employment Authorization under DACA



# Employment Authorization Under DACA (Continued)



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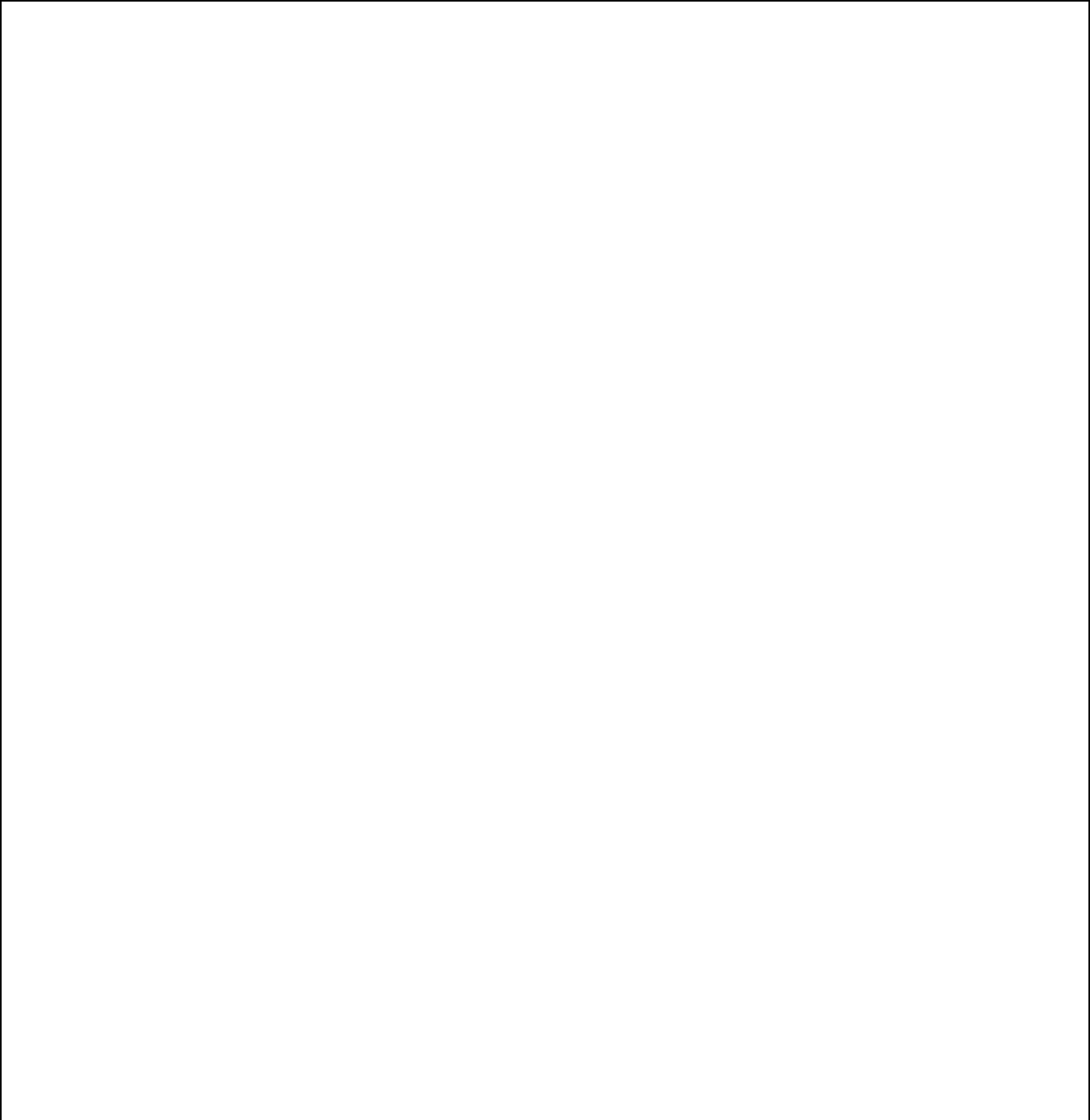




# Showing Economic Necessity



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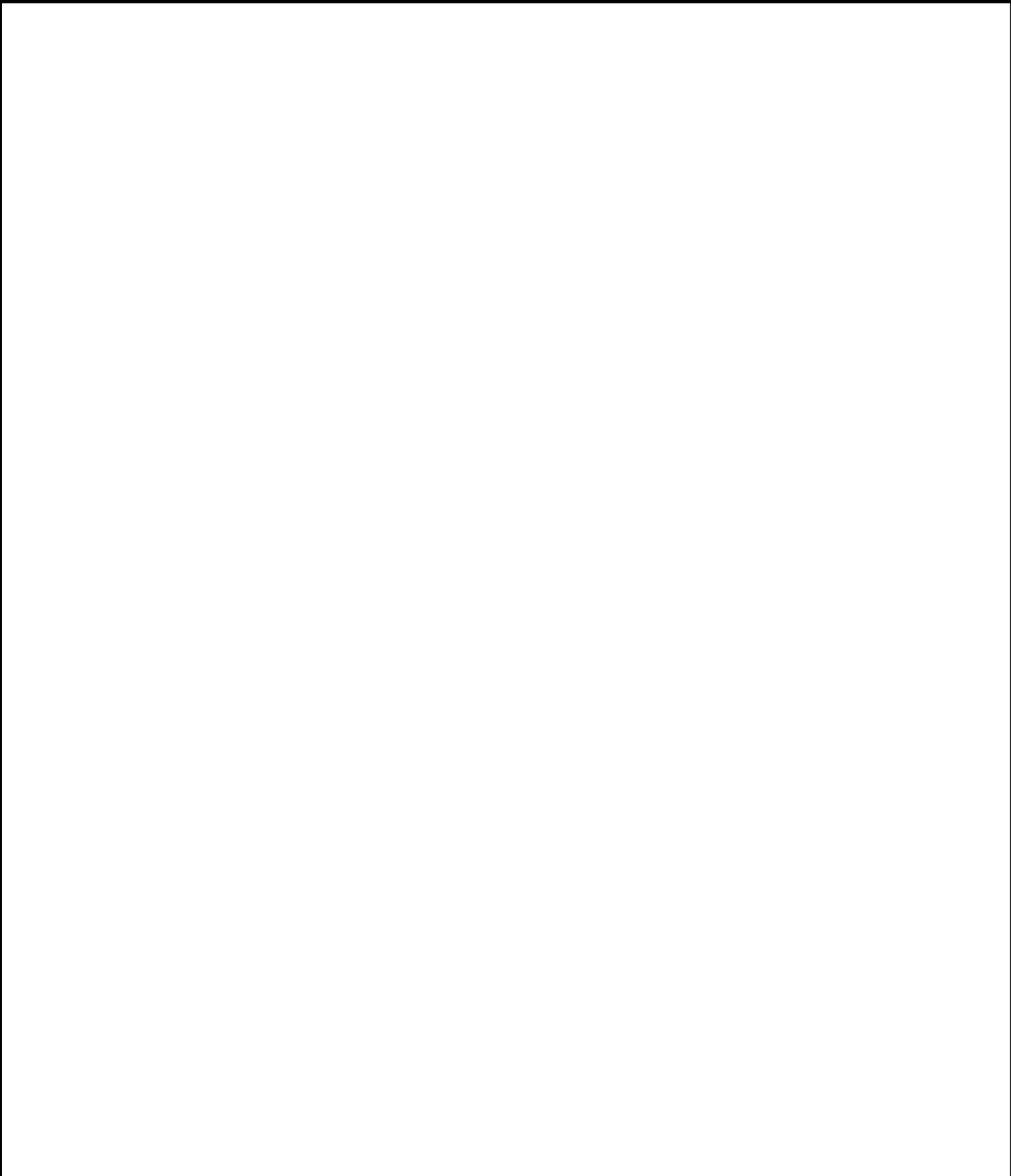




# The (c)(33) EAD



# Replacement EADs



# XV. Processing Form I-131, Application for Travel Document



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# Module Objectives





# Advance Parole



# Advance Parole (Continued)





# Advance Parole - DACA Recipients





# Advance Parole Requested for Educational Purposes





# Advance Parole Requested for Employment Purposes





# Advanced Parole Requested for Humanitarian Purposes





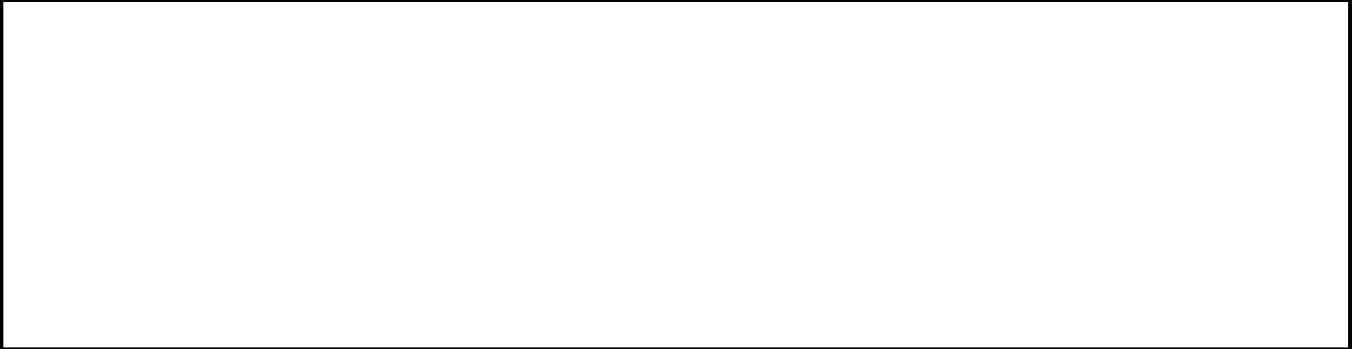
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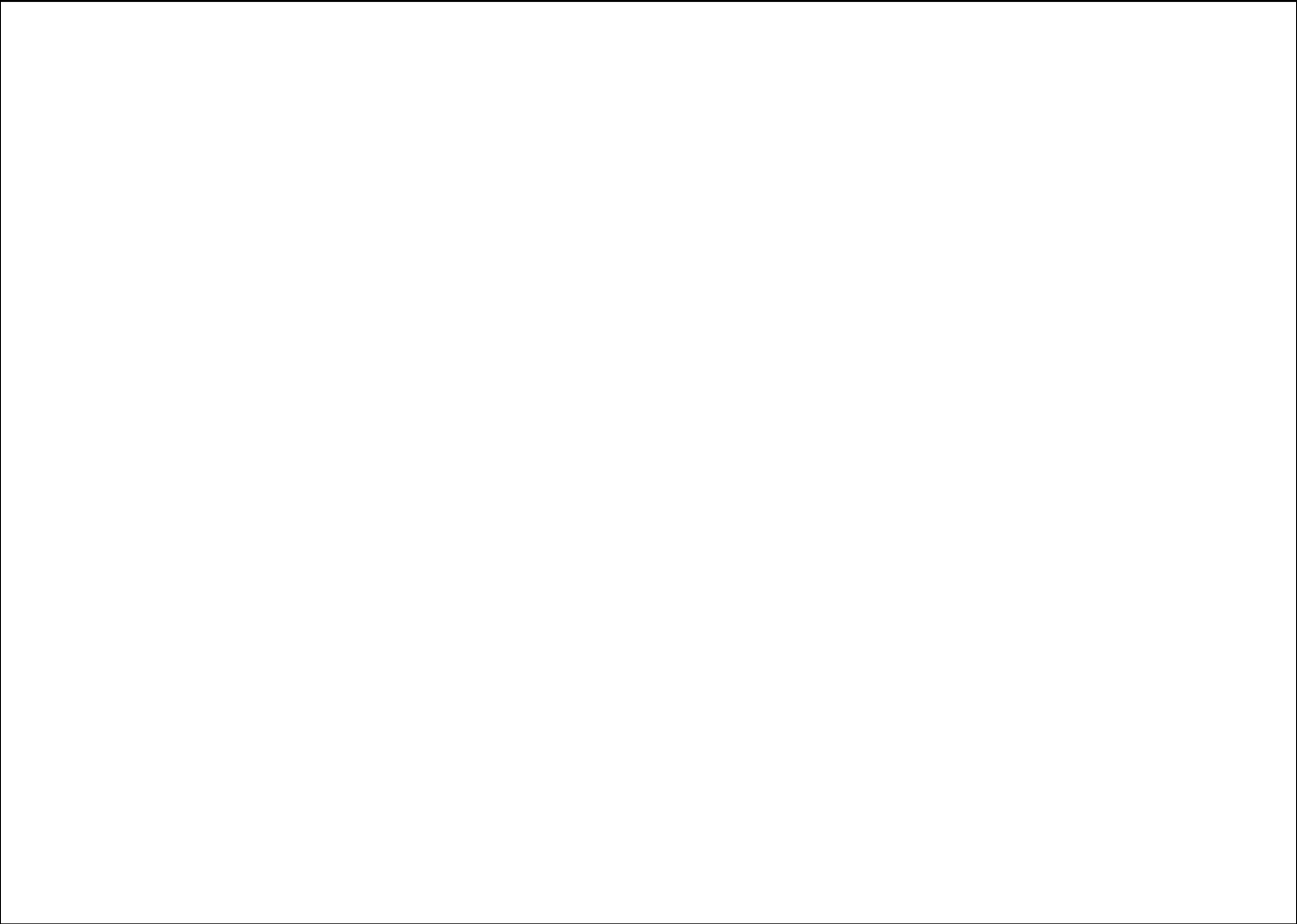
# Advance Parole – Expedite Requests



# Impact of Travel Without Advance Parole



# Advance Parole for DACA Recipients in Removal Proceedings







































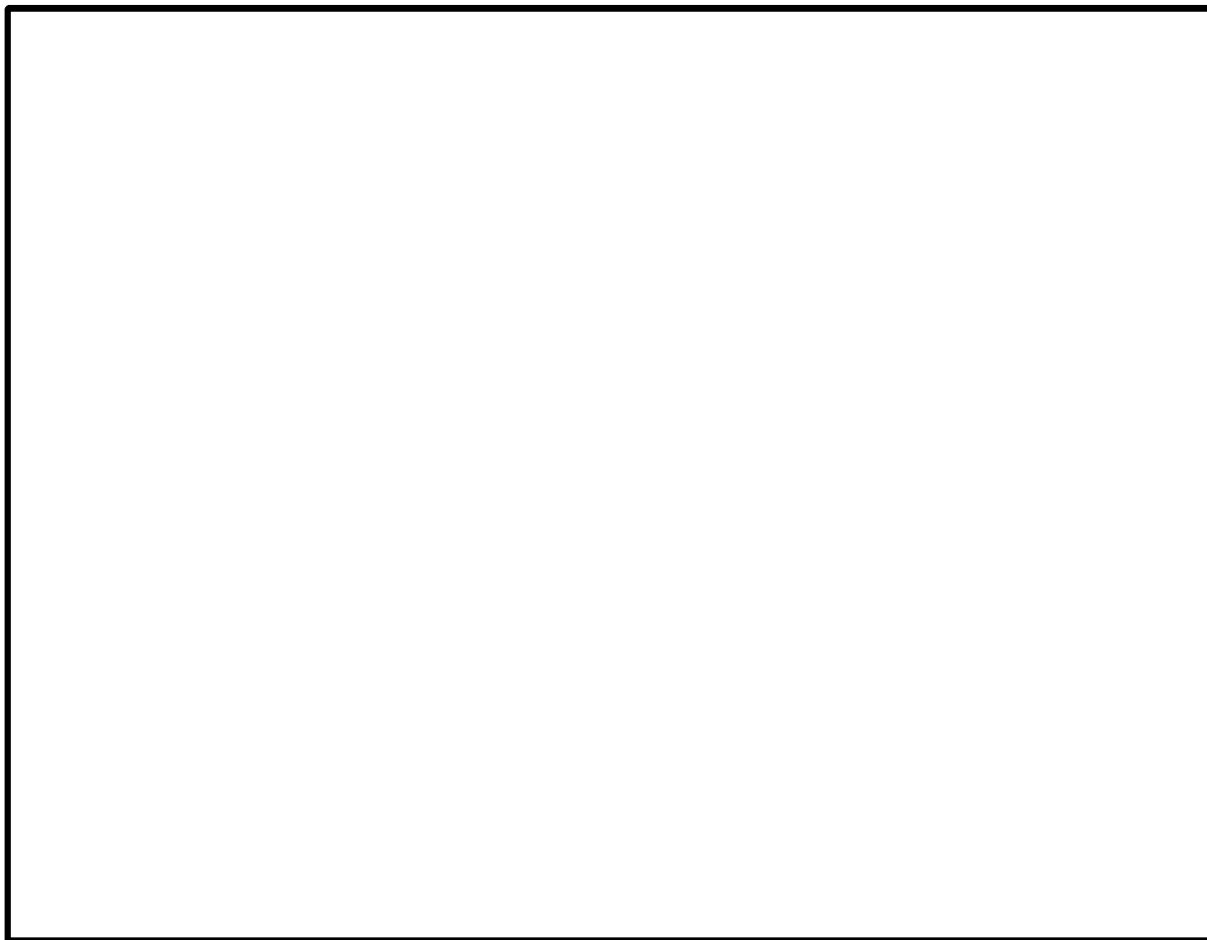






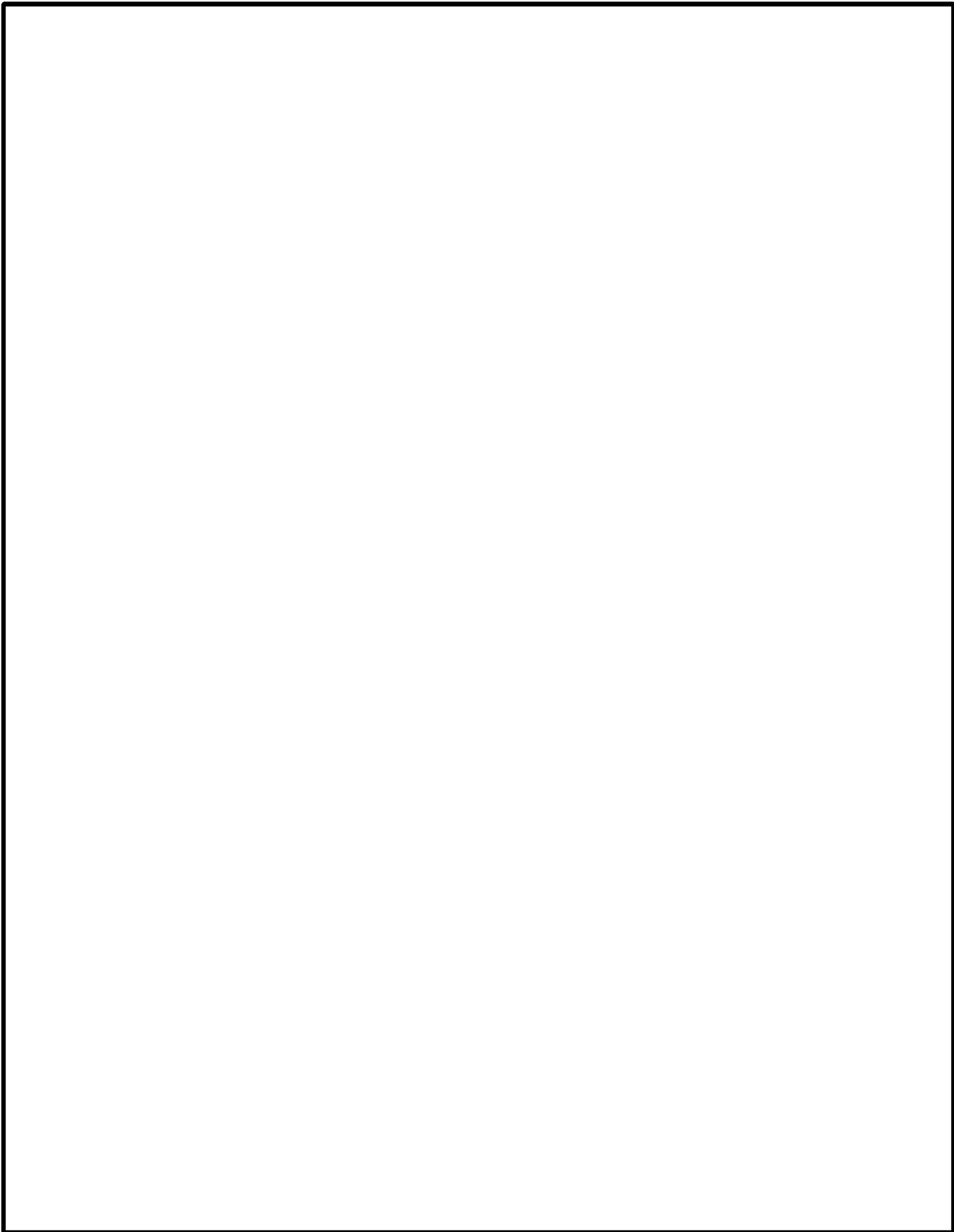
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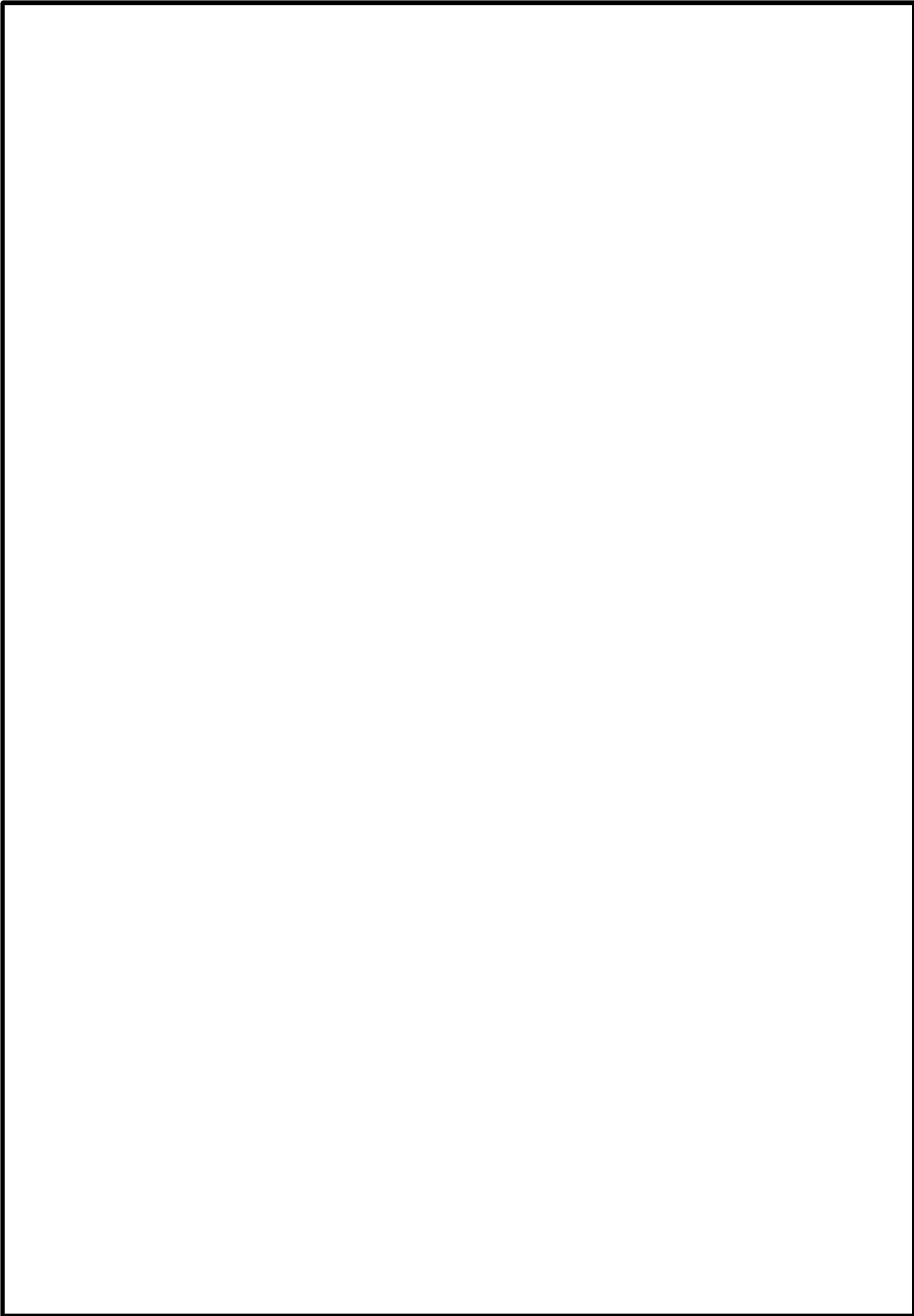


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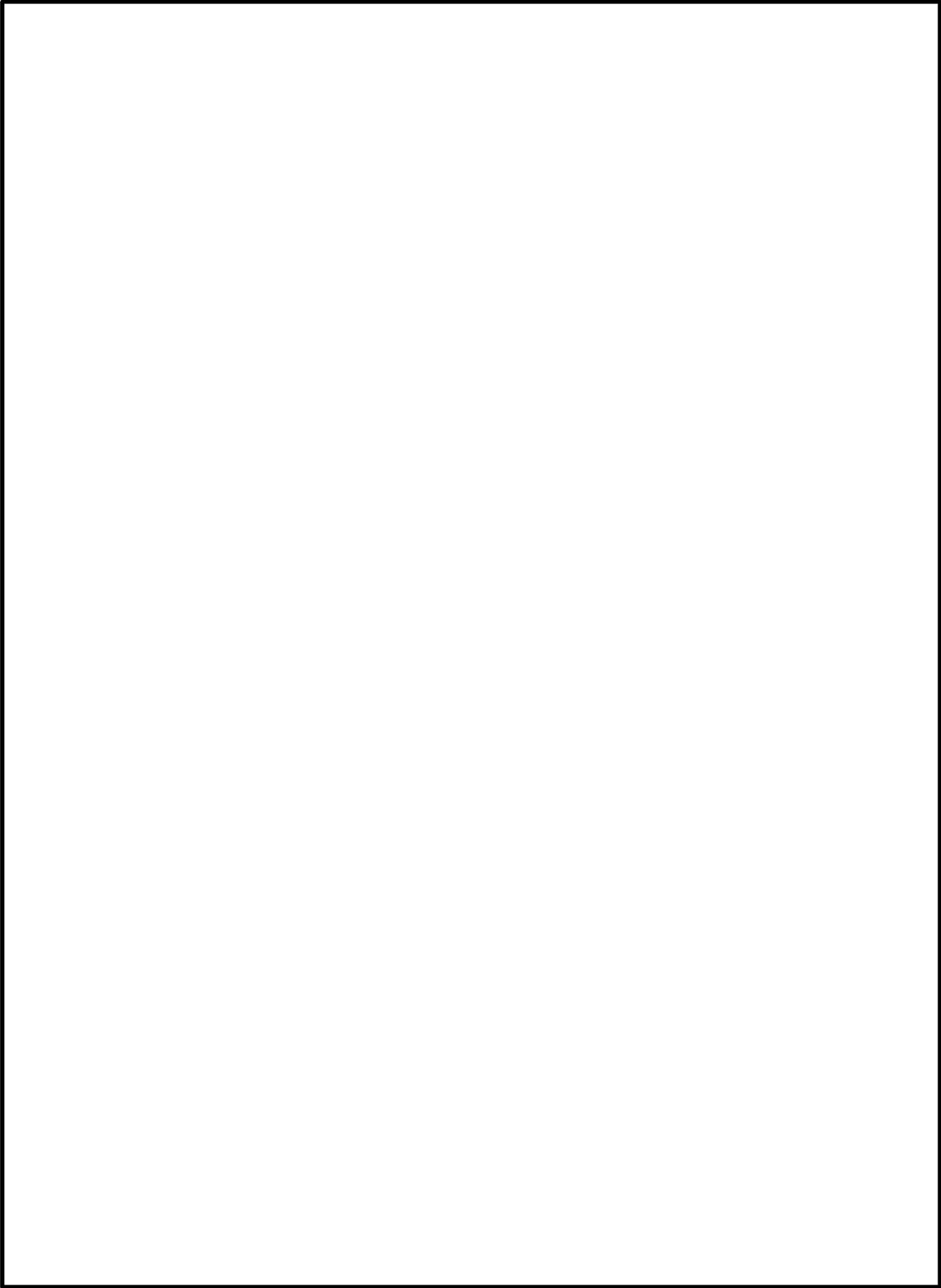
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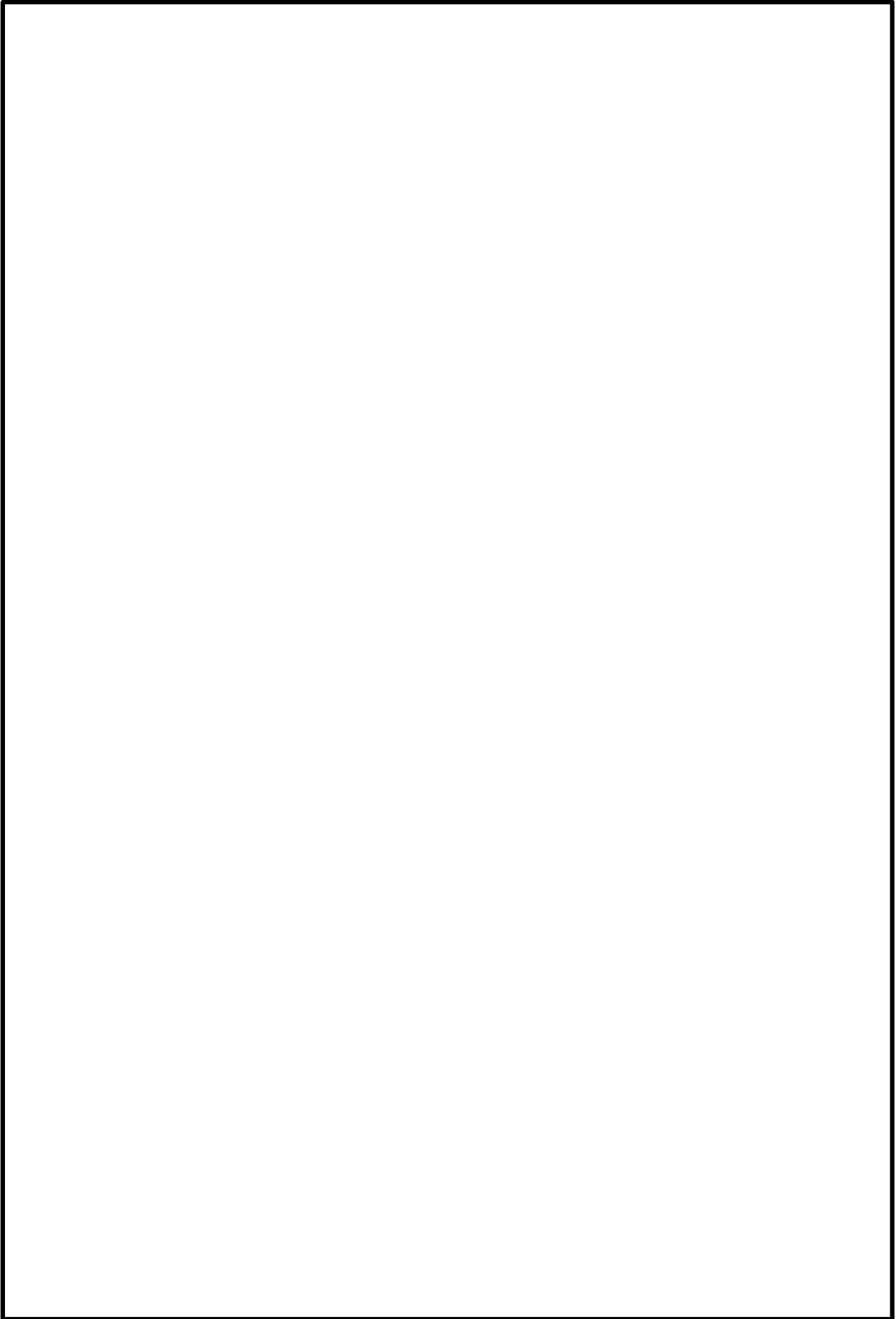
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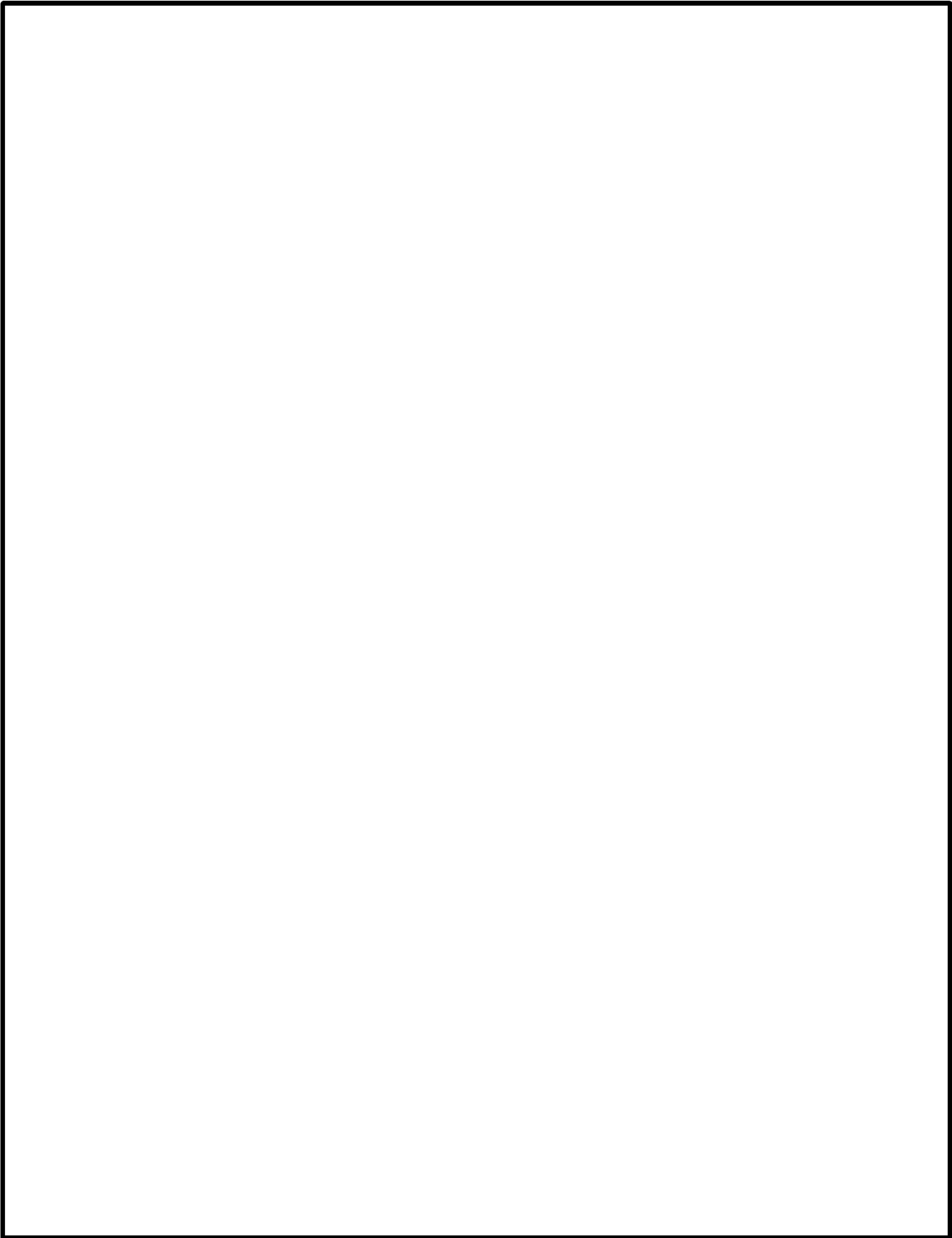


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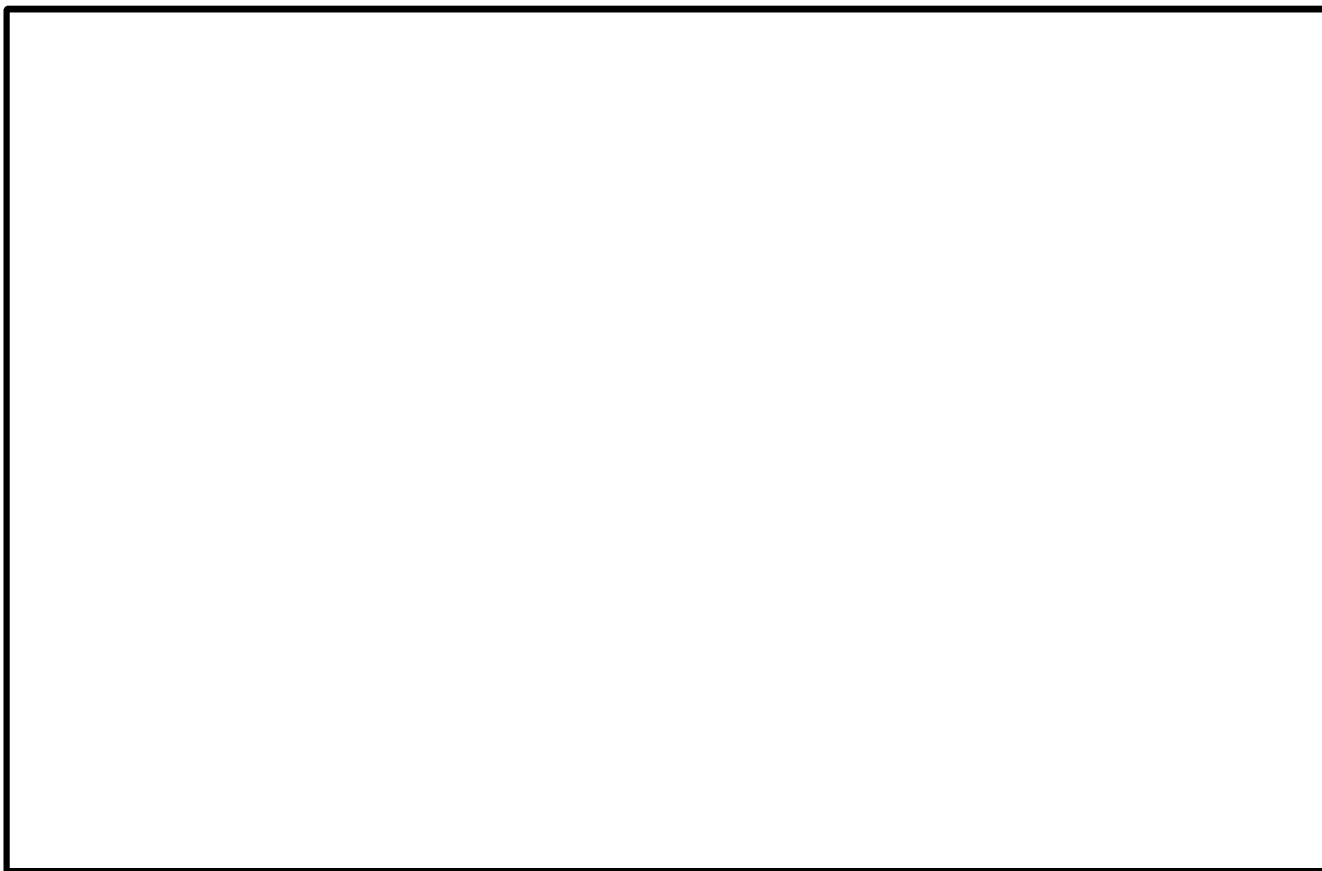




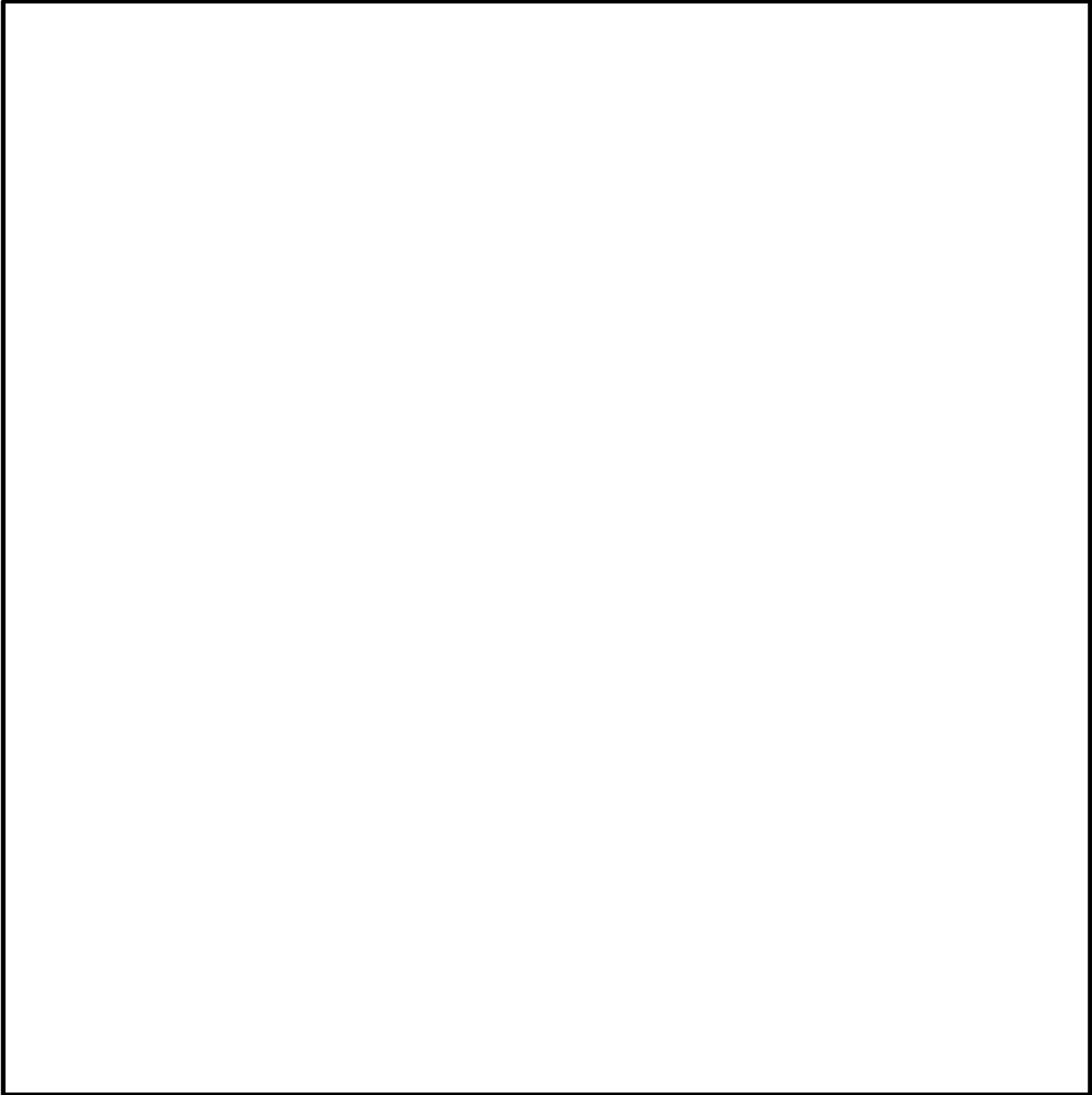
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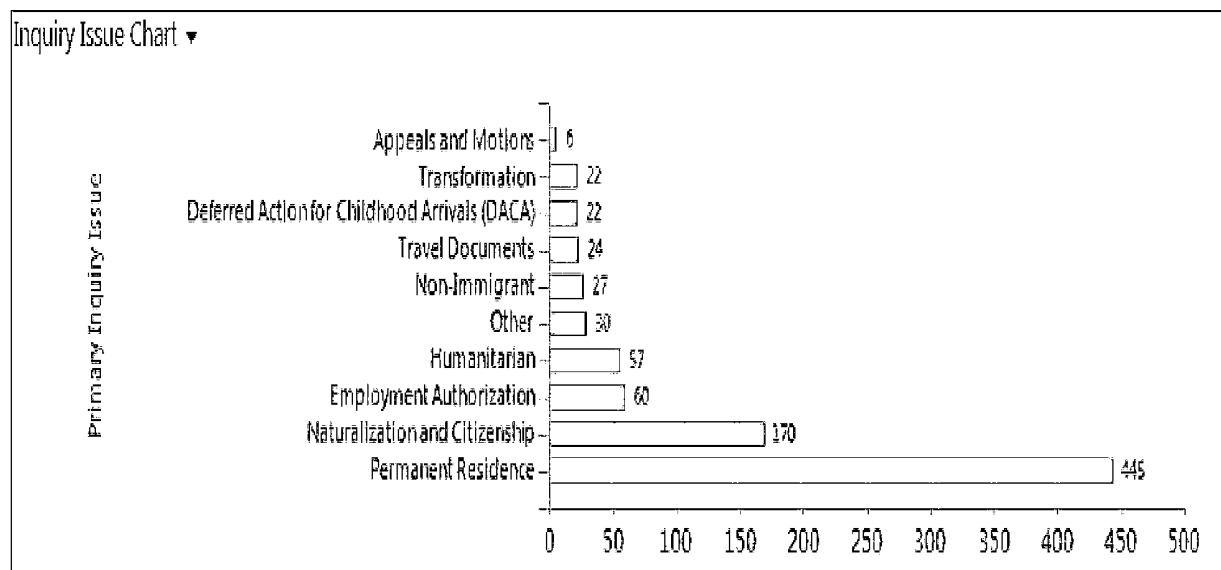
***National Congressional Inquiries Weekly Report***  
***(January 13, 2016 – January 19, 2016)***  
*Data from the USCIS Legislative Electronic Tracking System (LETS)*  
*Prepared by the Office of Legislative Affairs*

Since the inception of LETS in February 2013 to date, USCIS Congressional Liaisons have registered a total of 327,590 inquiries in LETS. In FY17, 27,072 inquiries have been registered in LETS. Collectively, from January 13, 2016 to January 19, 2017, USCIS Congressional Liaisons have registered more than 896 inquiries. This is a decrease from the 1431 inquiries registered last week. In FY17, it takes an average of 7 days to complete an inquiry. These numbers do not account for the many activities including calls, emails and conversations that the liaisons would need to complete for one given inquiry.

Looking at the data from this period, we have identified the following national trends by issue, sub-issue, contact method, and Members of Congress.

Top 10 Inquiry Issue:

An overwhelming majority of inquiries submitted this week are related to Permanent Residence. Permanent Residence, Naturalization & Citizenship, Employment Authorization, Humanitarian, and Other make up the top 5 inquiry issues this week. The last top 5 inquiry issues include Non-Immigrant, Travel Documents, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Transformation, and Appeals and Motions. There are 30 inquiries categorized as Other. This week, the majority of inquiries categorized as Other are issues related to Expedite Request, G-884 – Return of Original Documents, Gov-Delivery, FOIA, I-765 Application for Employment, and Other Agency Referral.

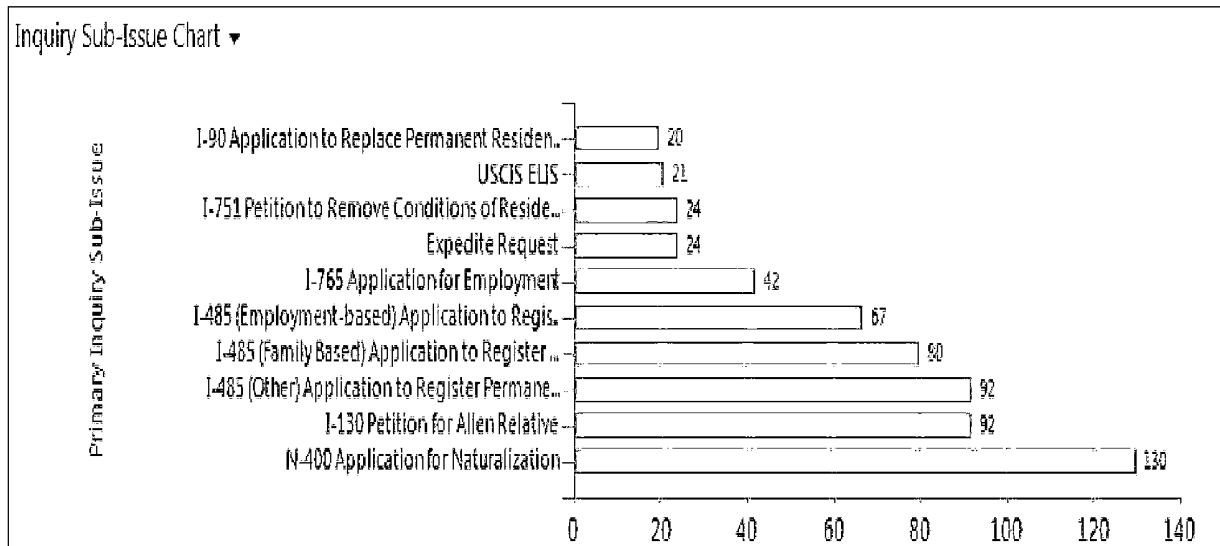




Top 10 Inquiry Sub-Issue:

This week, the top 3 key sub-issues are related to Form N-400 Application for Naturalization, Form I-130 Petition for Alien Relative, and Form I-485 (Other) Application to Register Permanent Residence. Form N-400 Registered 130 inquiries this week a decrease from the 164 registered last week. There are 92 inquiries registered for Form I-130 this week, which is a decrease from the 188 inquiries registered last week. Form I-485 (Other) registered 92 inquiries this week an increase from the 65 inquiries registered last week.

The N-400 Application for Naturalization, I-765 Application for Employment, Expedite Request, and USCIS-ELIS are the only sub-issues that are not related to Permanent Residence. The majority of the top ten inquiry sub-issues for the past few weeks continue to relate to Permanent Residence.



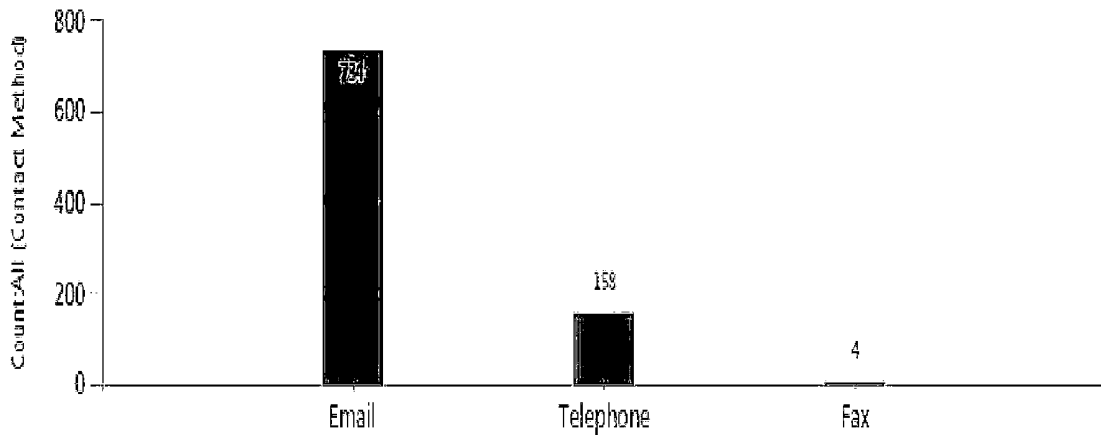
Inquiries by Contact Method

Most commonly, liaisons received inquiries via emails followed by telephone calls. Although emails are the preferred method of submitting inquiries, liaisons are reminded about the value in communicating via telephone or in-person conversations to build and foster meaningful professional relationships with congressional staff.





Contact Method ▾

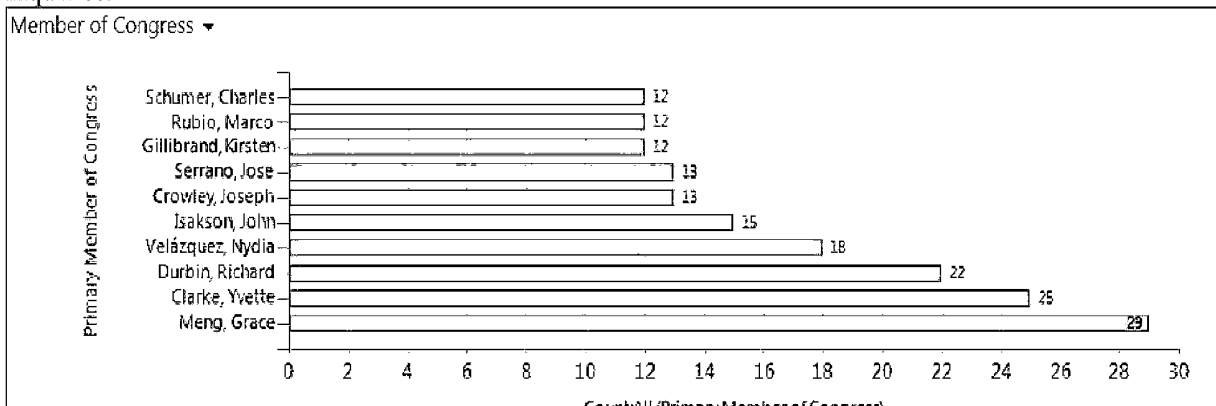


Inquiries by Member of Congress

This graph displays the top 10 Members of Congress that submitted the most inquiries this week. Representative Grace Meng (D-NY-6) submitted the highest number this week with 29 inquiries. Representative Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9) submitted the second highest number of inquiries with 25, and Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) submitted the third highest number of inquiries with 22.

Representative Nydia Velazquez (D-NY-7) submitted 18 inquiries this week while Senator John Isakson (R-GA) submitted 15 inquires. Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY-14) and Representative Jose Serrano (D-NY-15) both submitted 13 inquiries this week while Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) all submitted 12 inquires.

The top 10 Members of Congress are comprised of 5 members from the Senate and 5 from the House. Compared to last week, the total number of inquiries registered this week increased by more than 1200 inquiries.





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Memorandum

TO: James McCament  
Acting Director

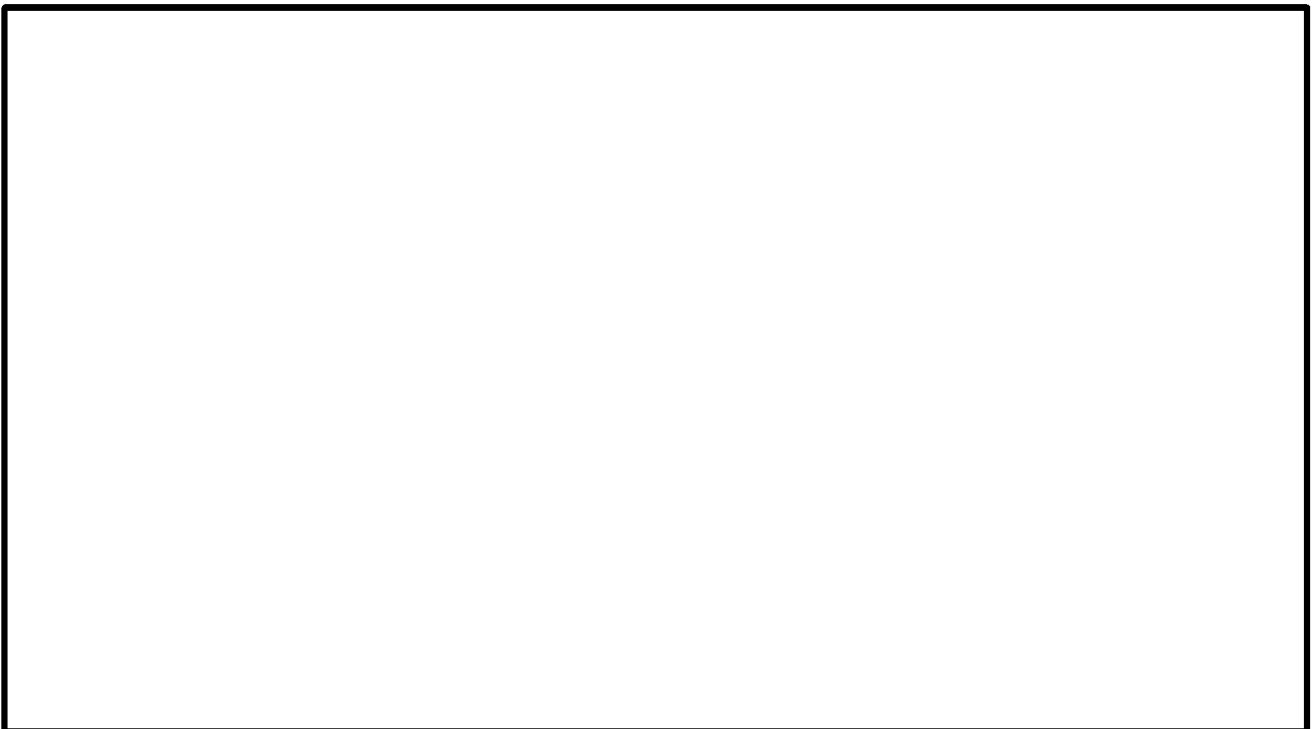
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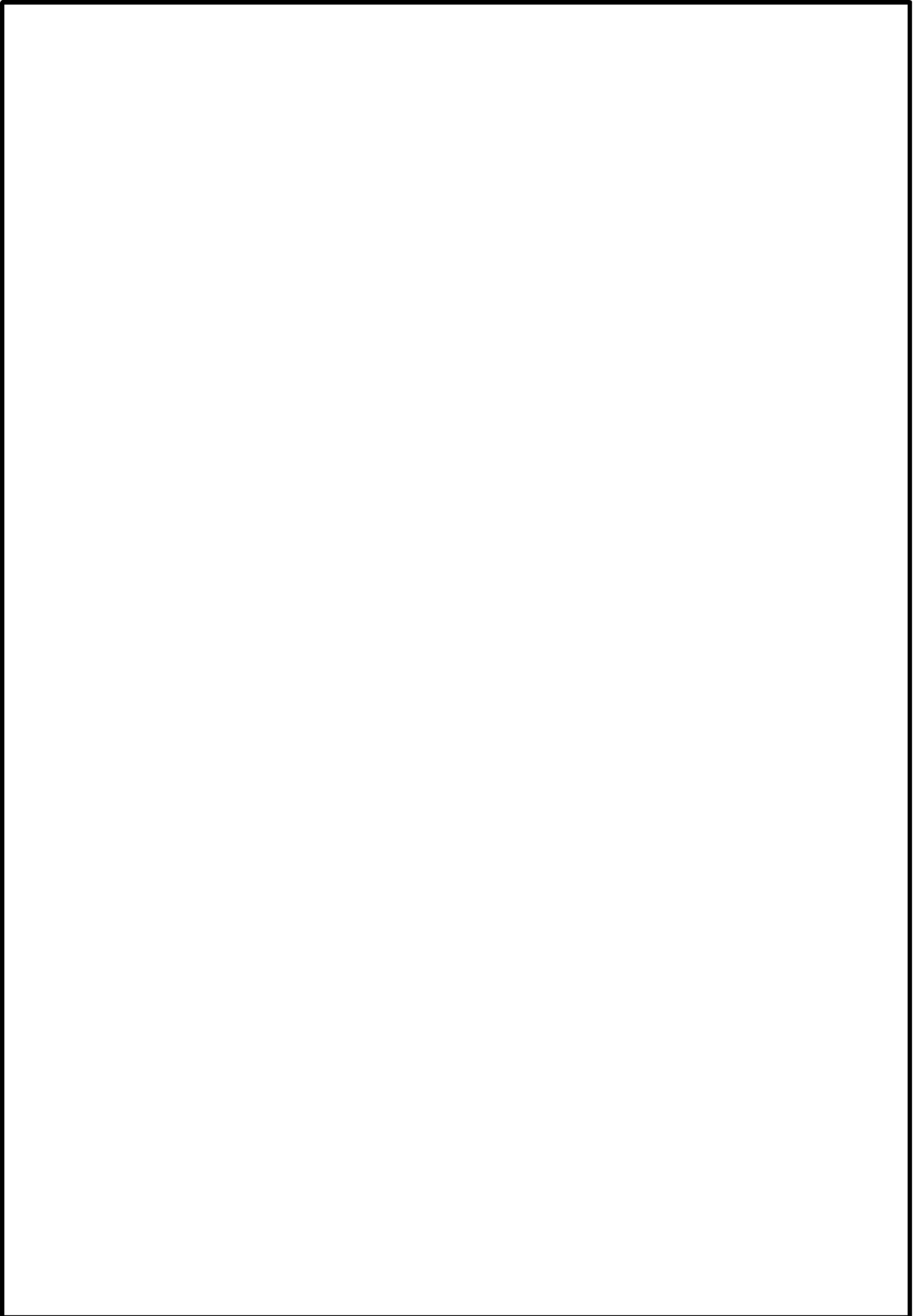
THROUGH: Craig Symons  
Chief Counsel

FROM: Evan Franke  
Chief, Litigation & National Security Coordination Division

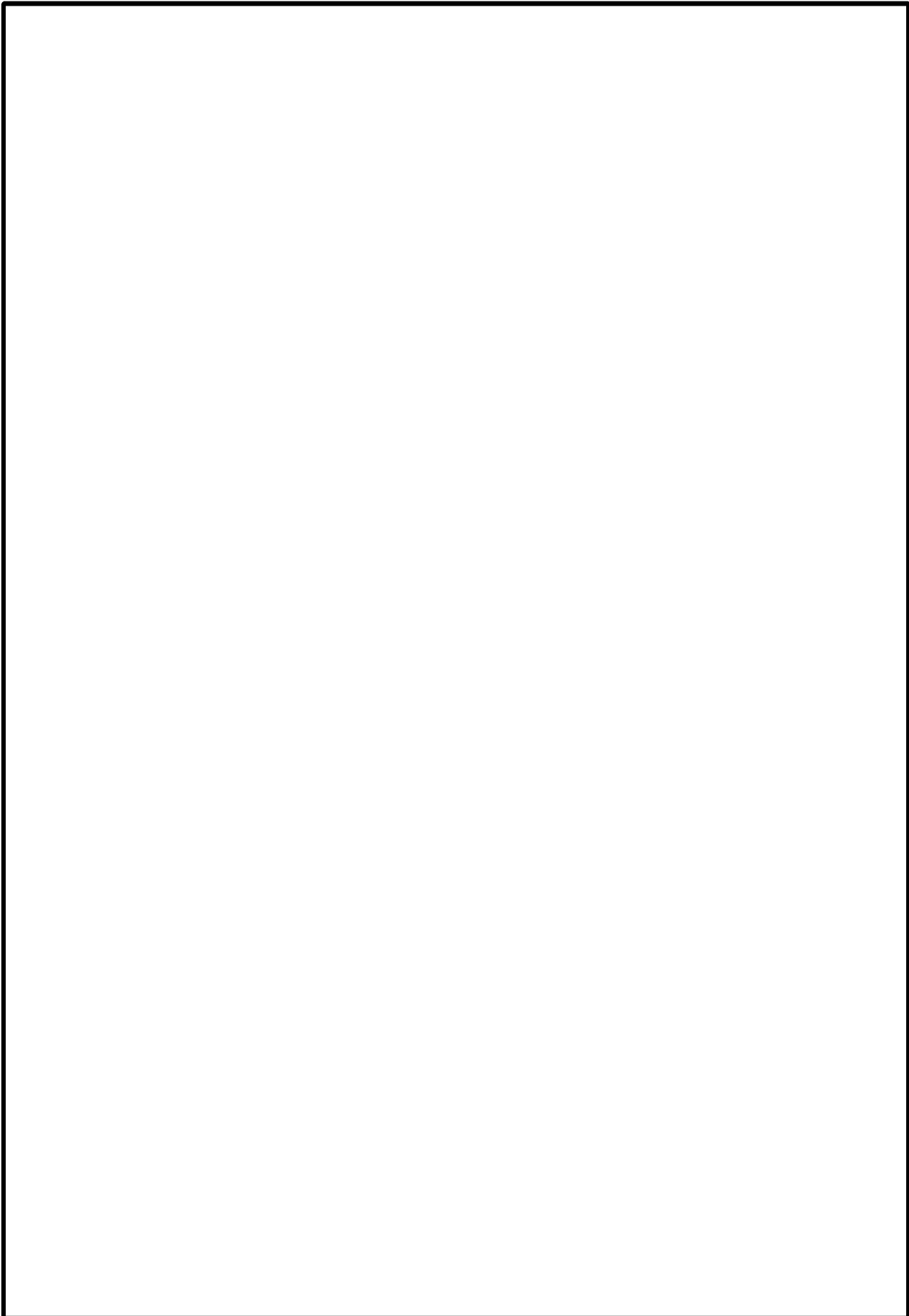
SUBJECT: Significant Litigation Report

Please find a summary below of USCIS significant litigation. We welcome any questions that you may have.

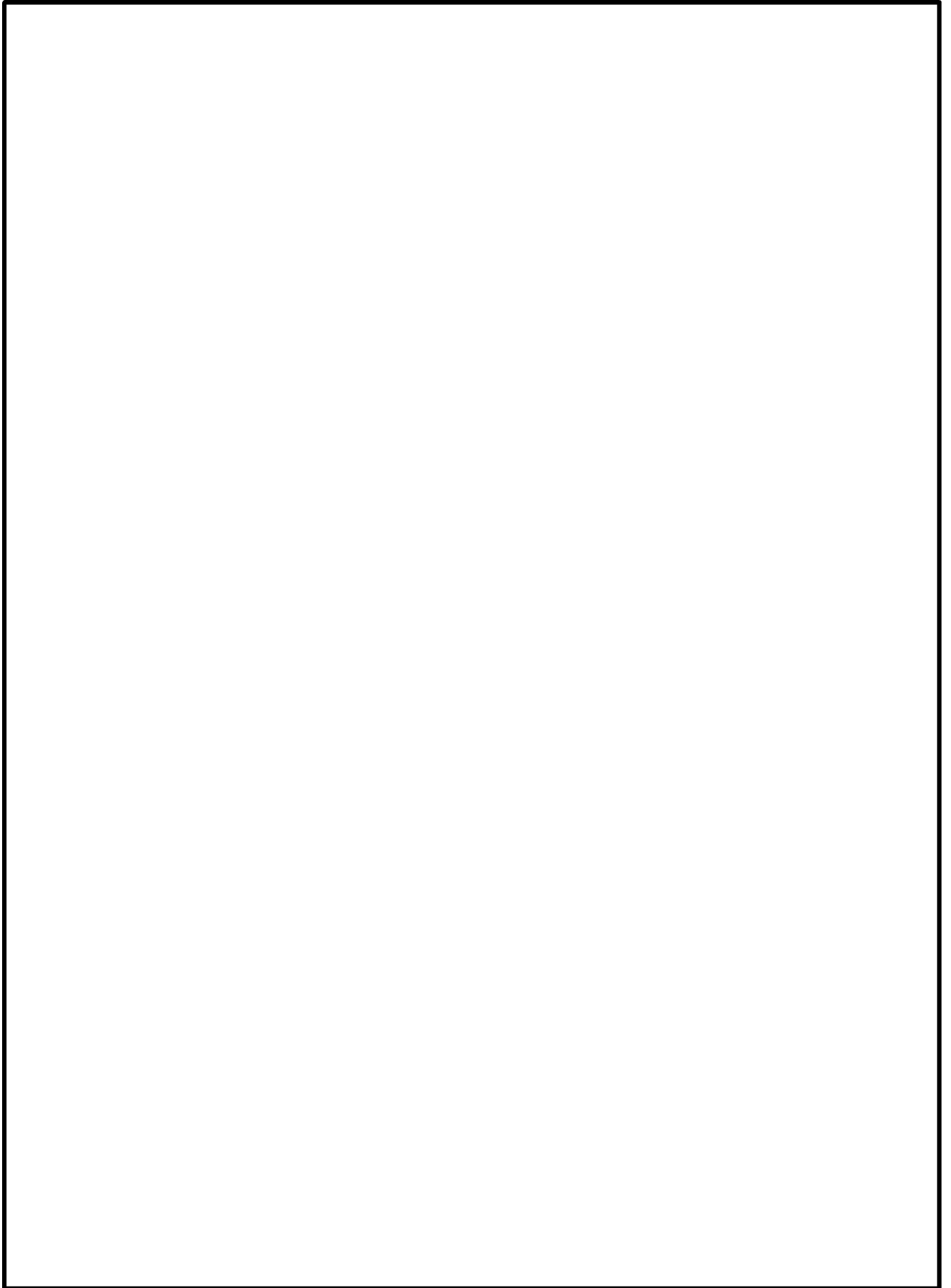








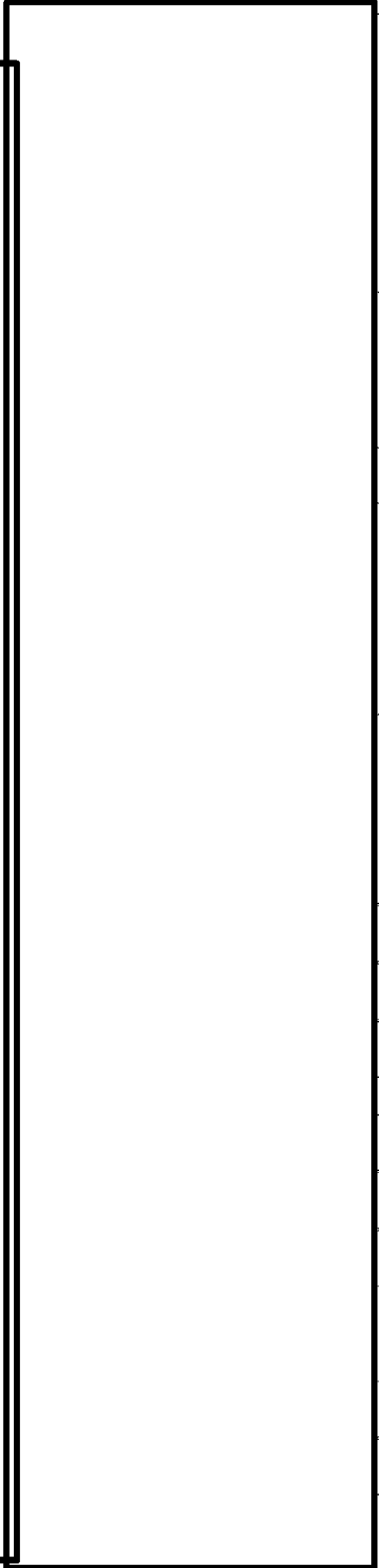
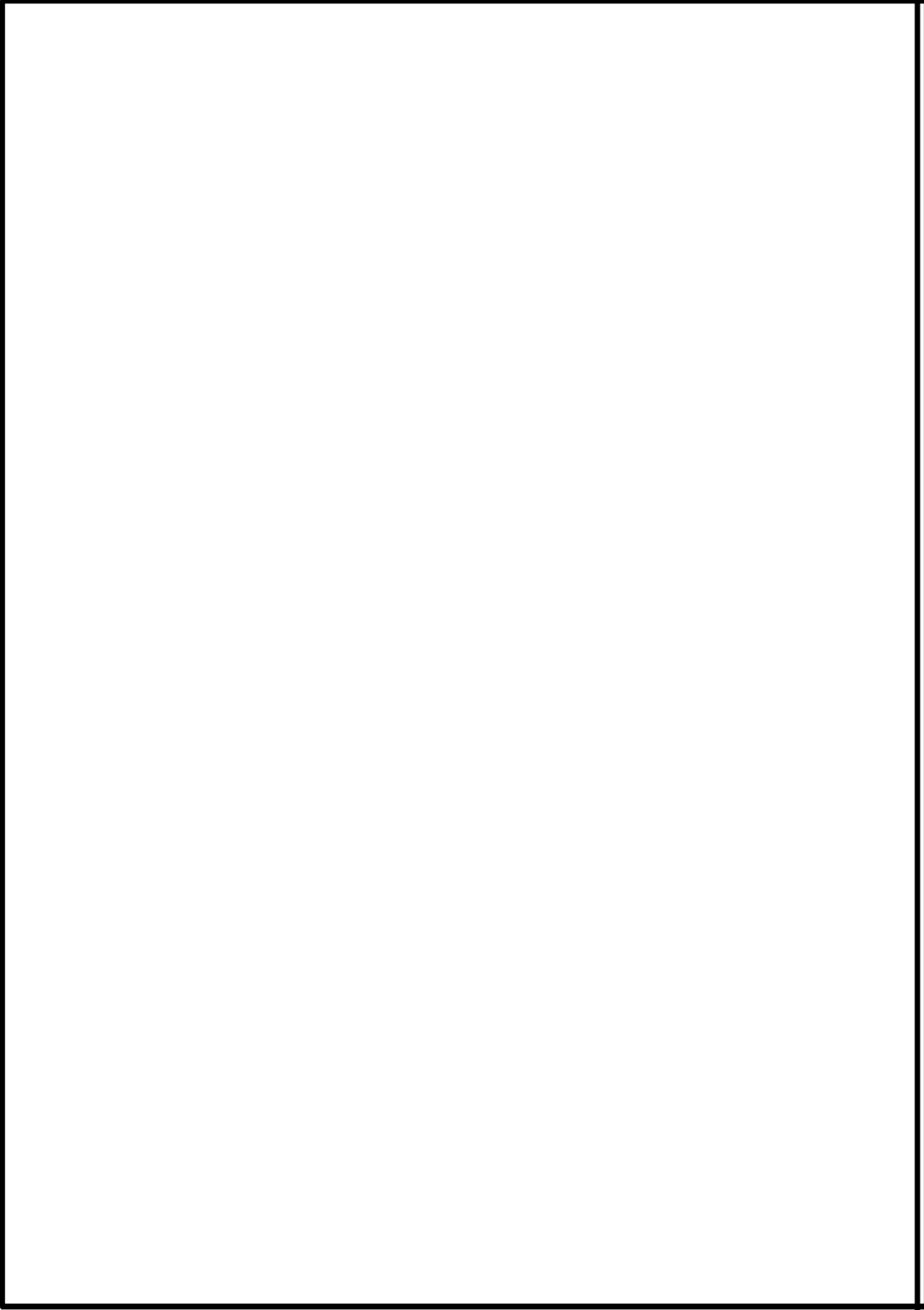








New DHS DACA Rescission FAQs





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| 3-8-17 / SCOPS/OPQ Response to DACA questions



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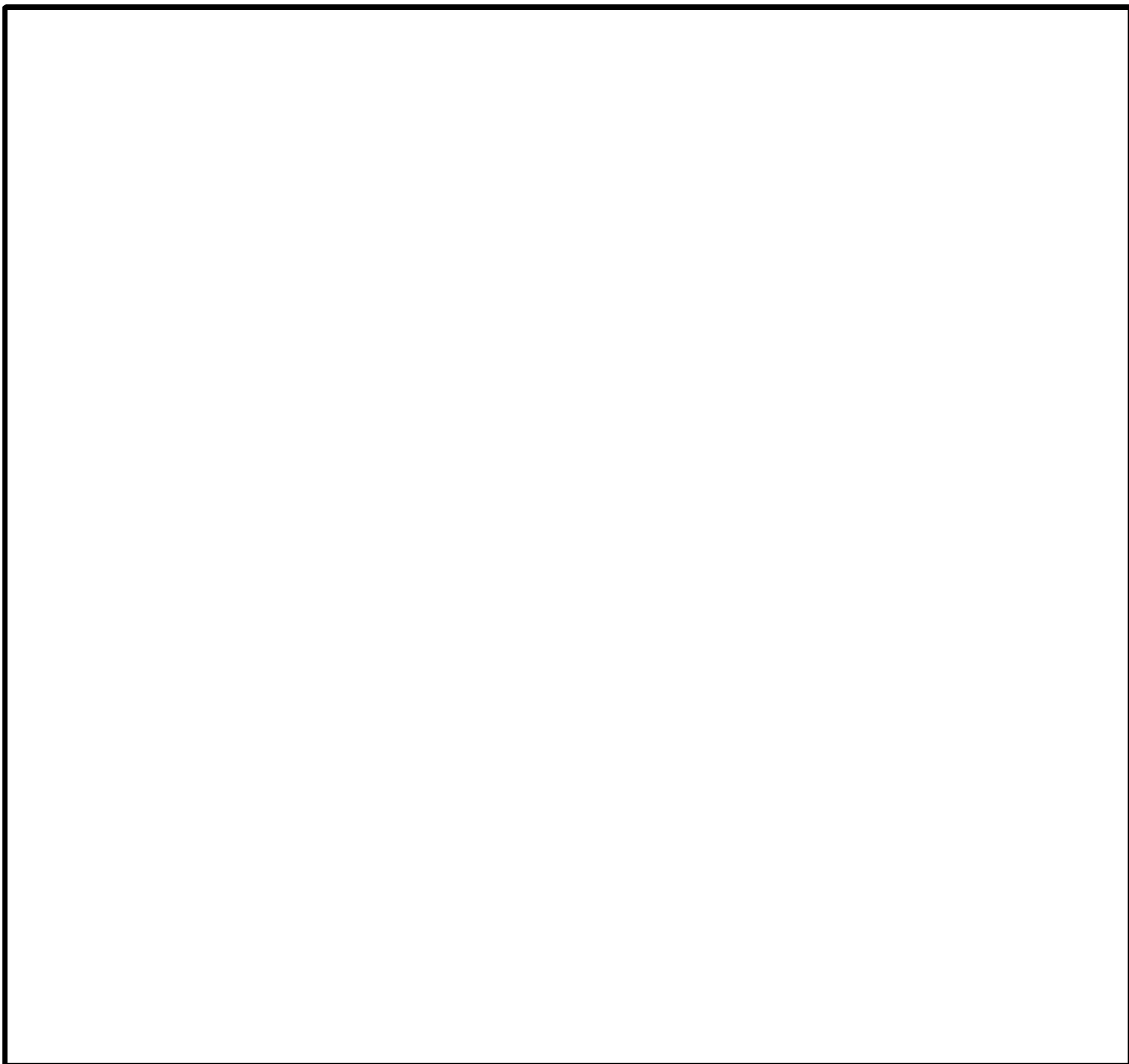
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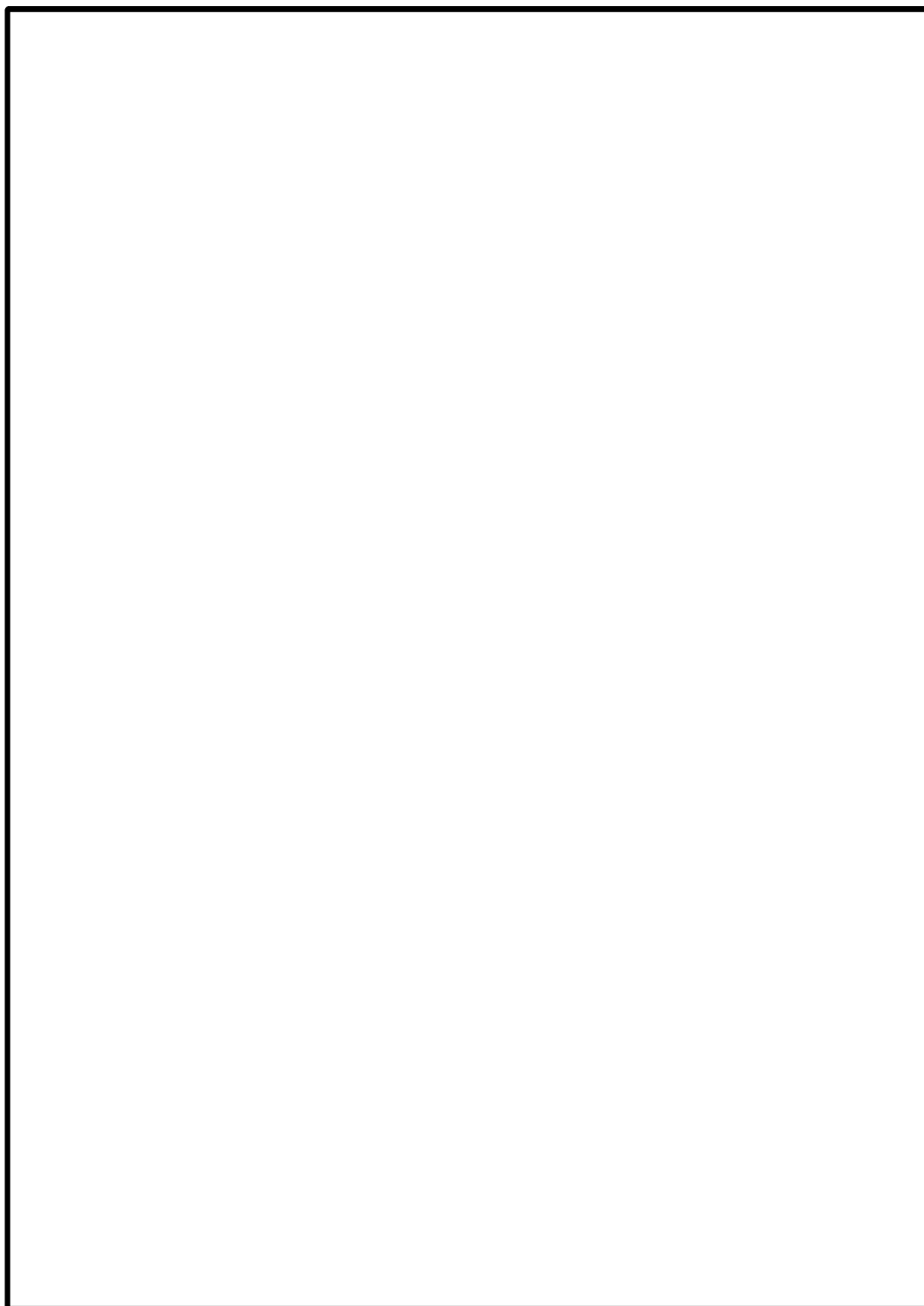
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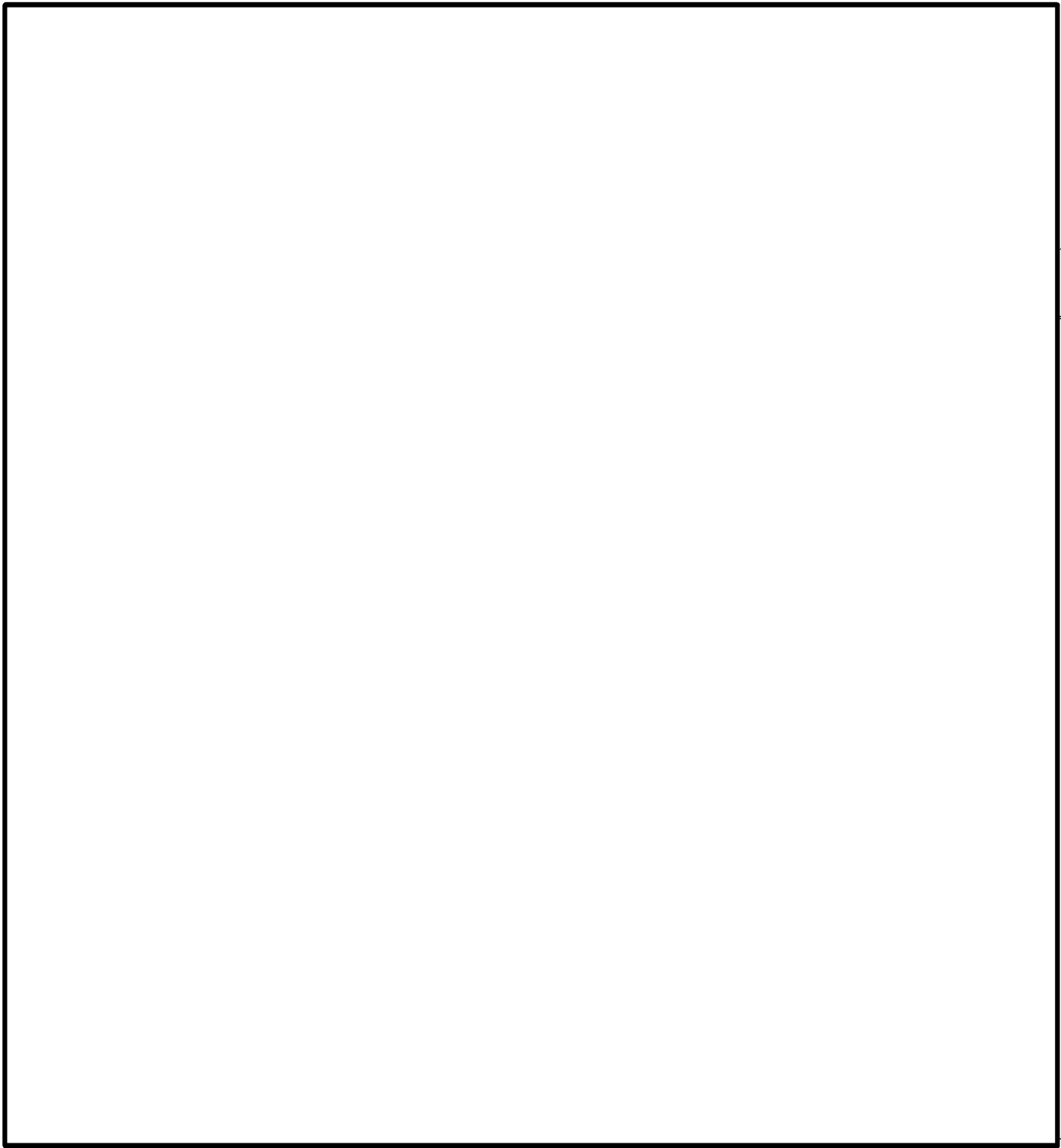
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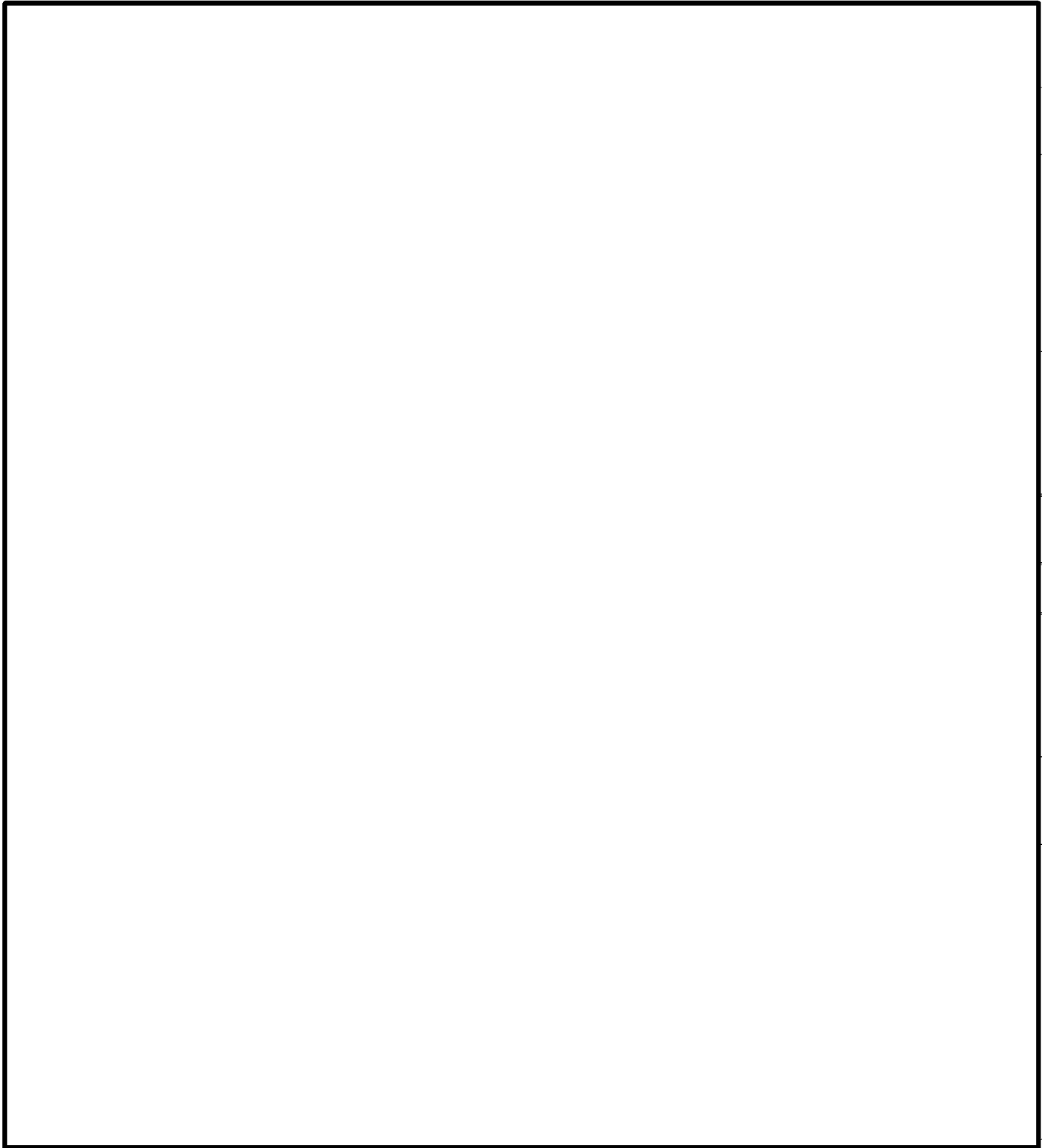
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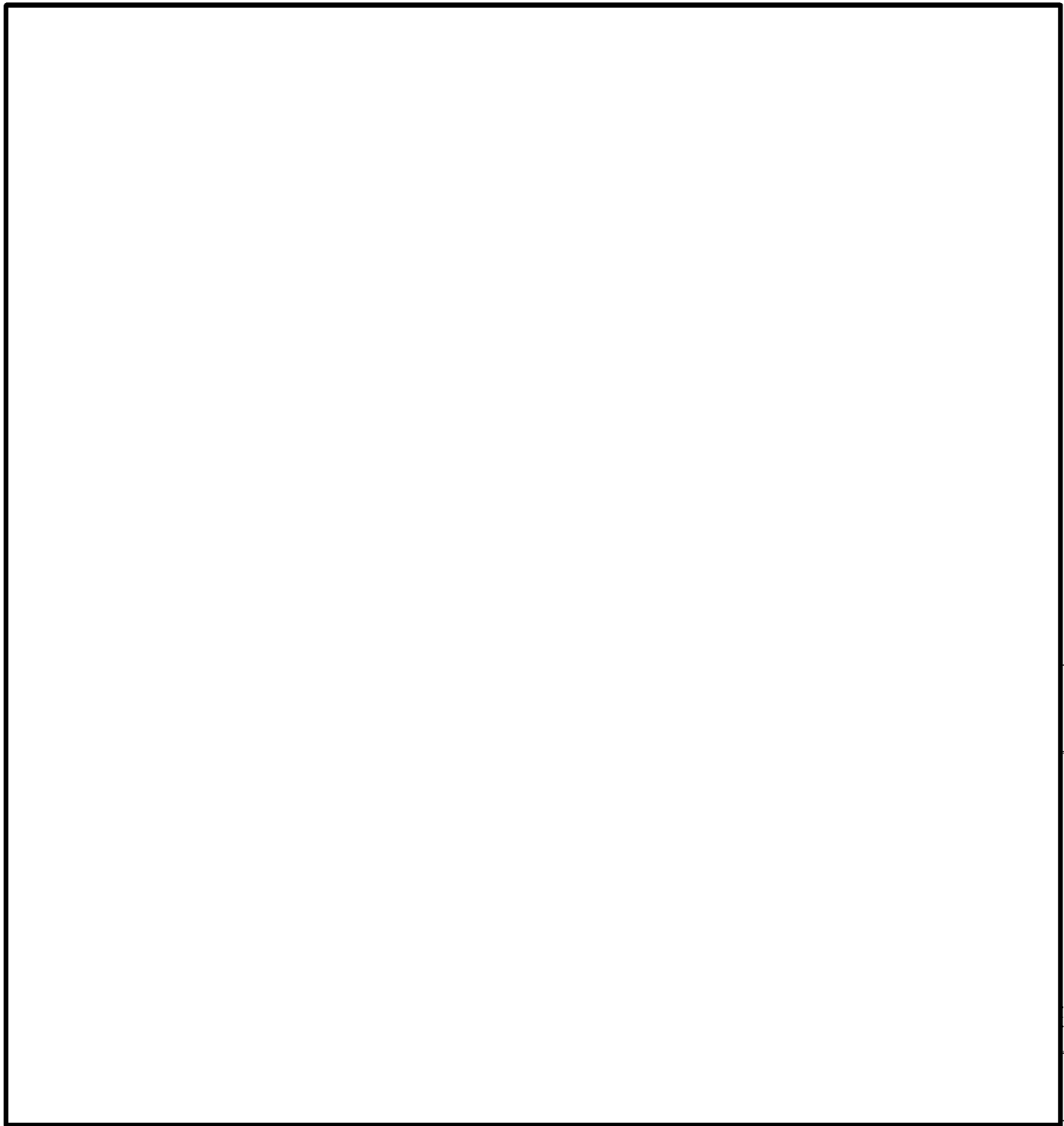
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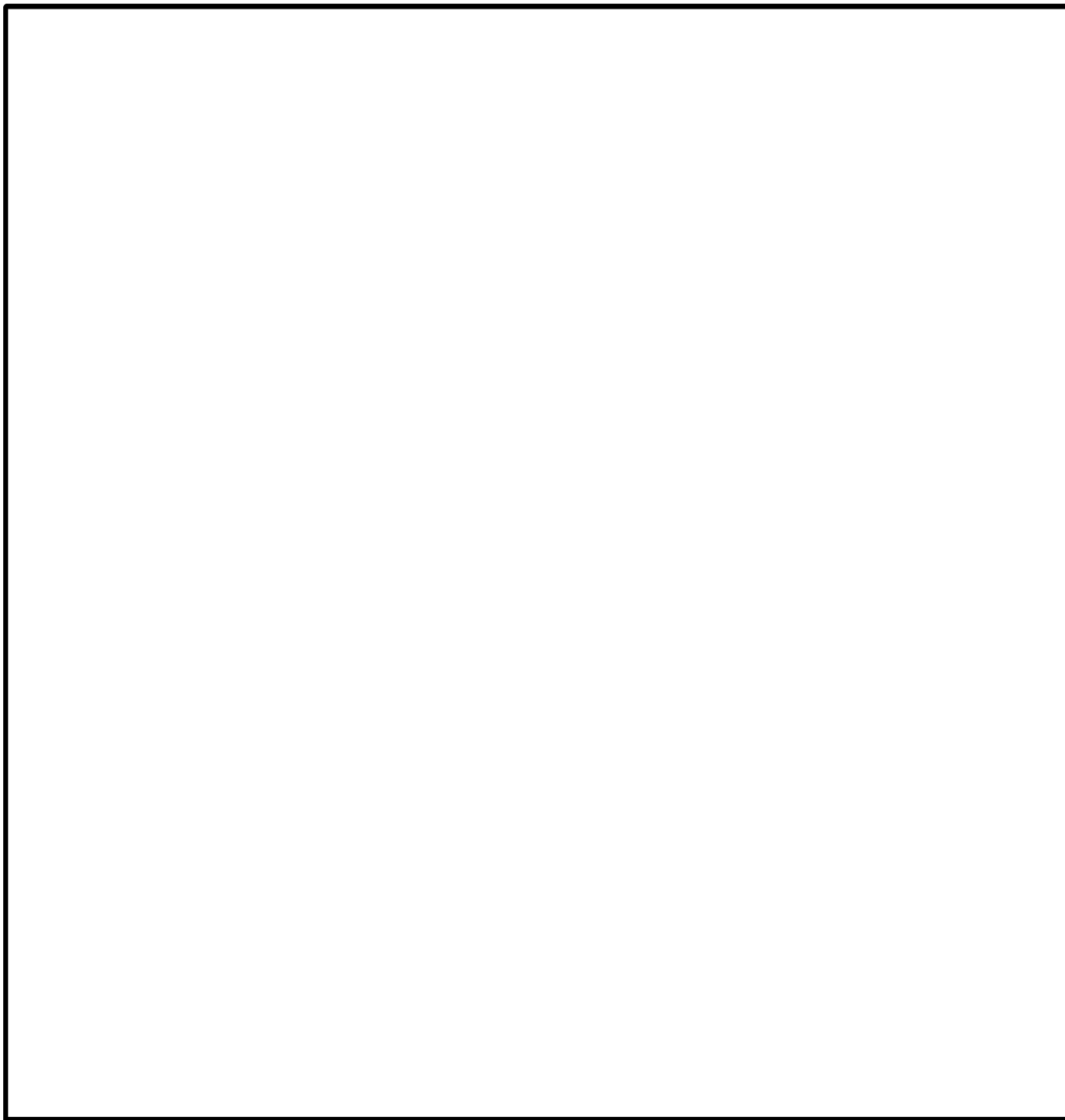
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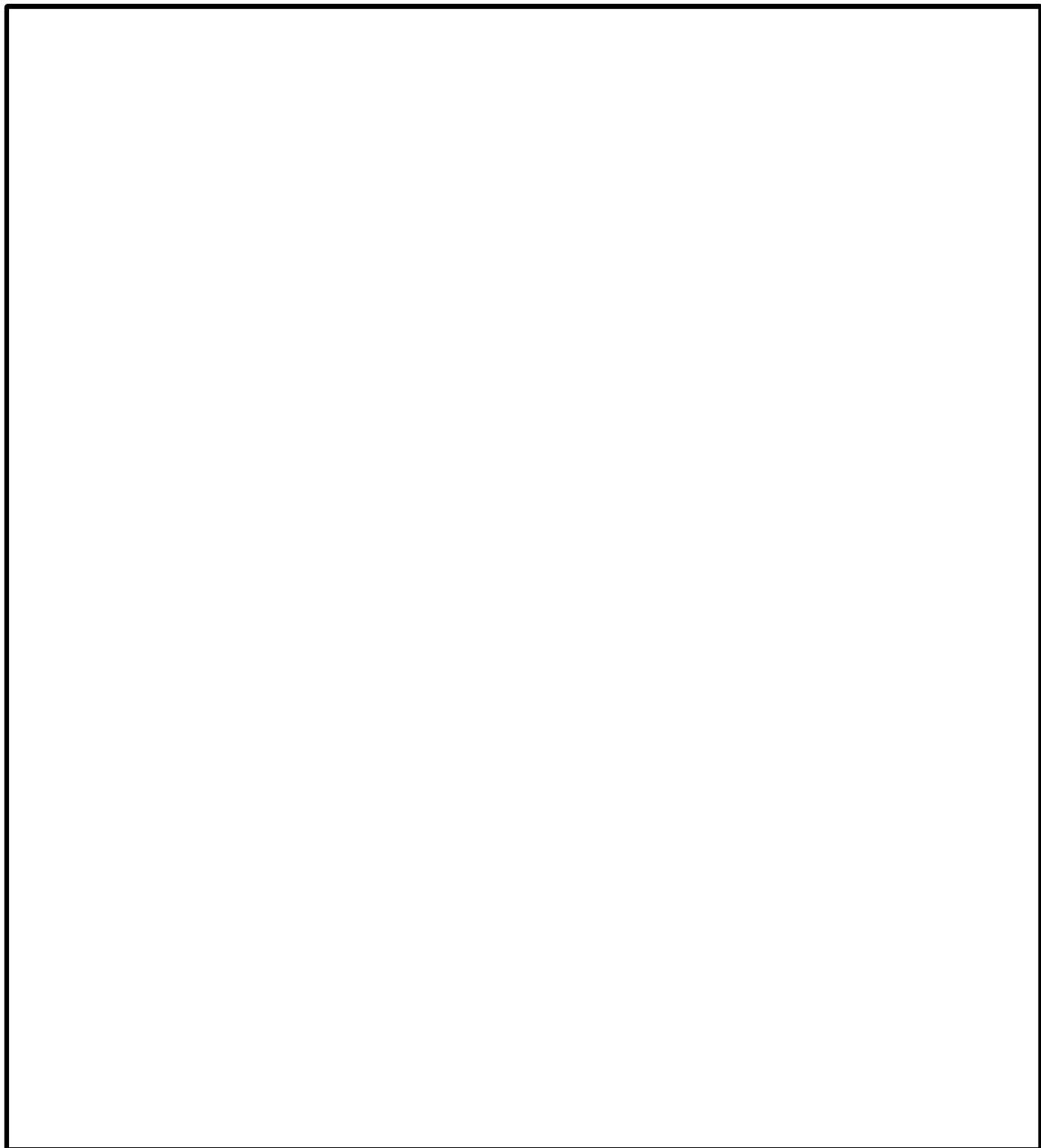




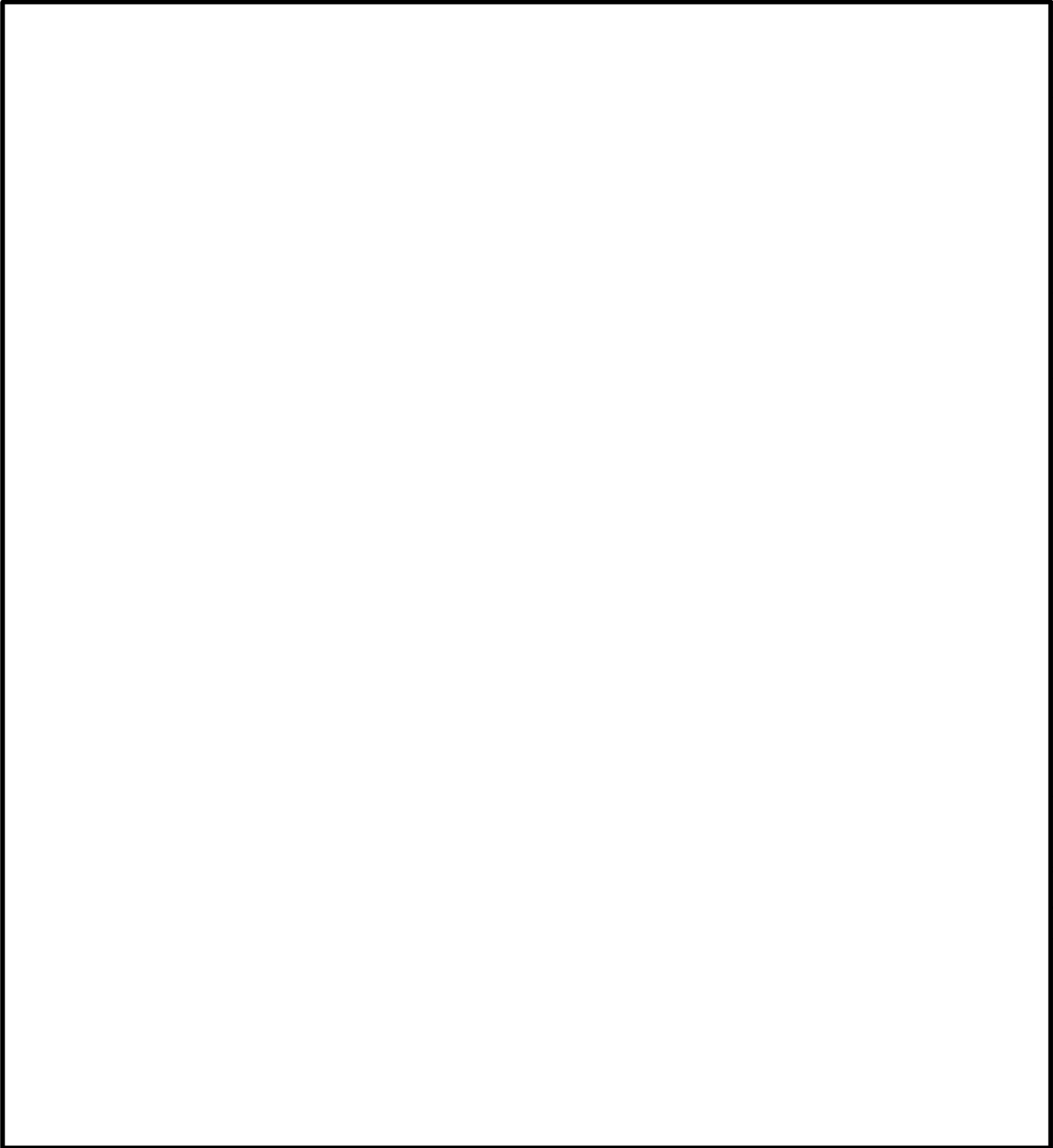
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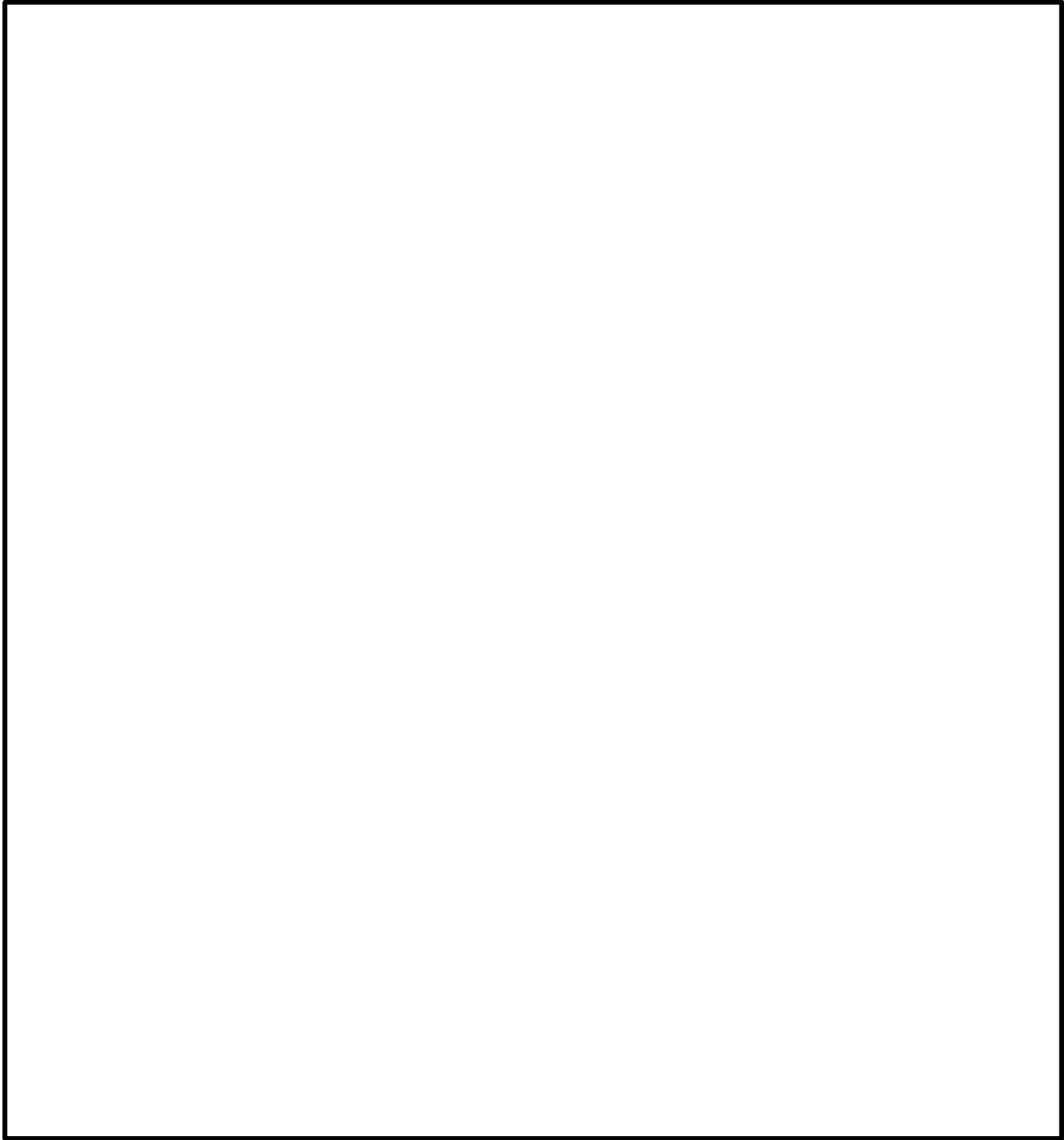
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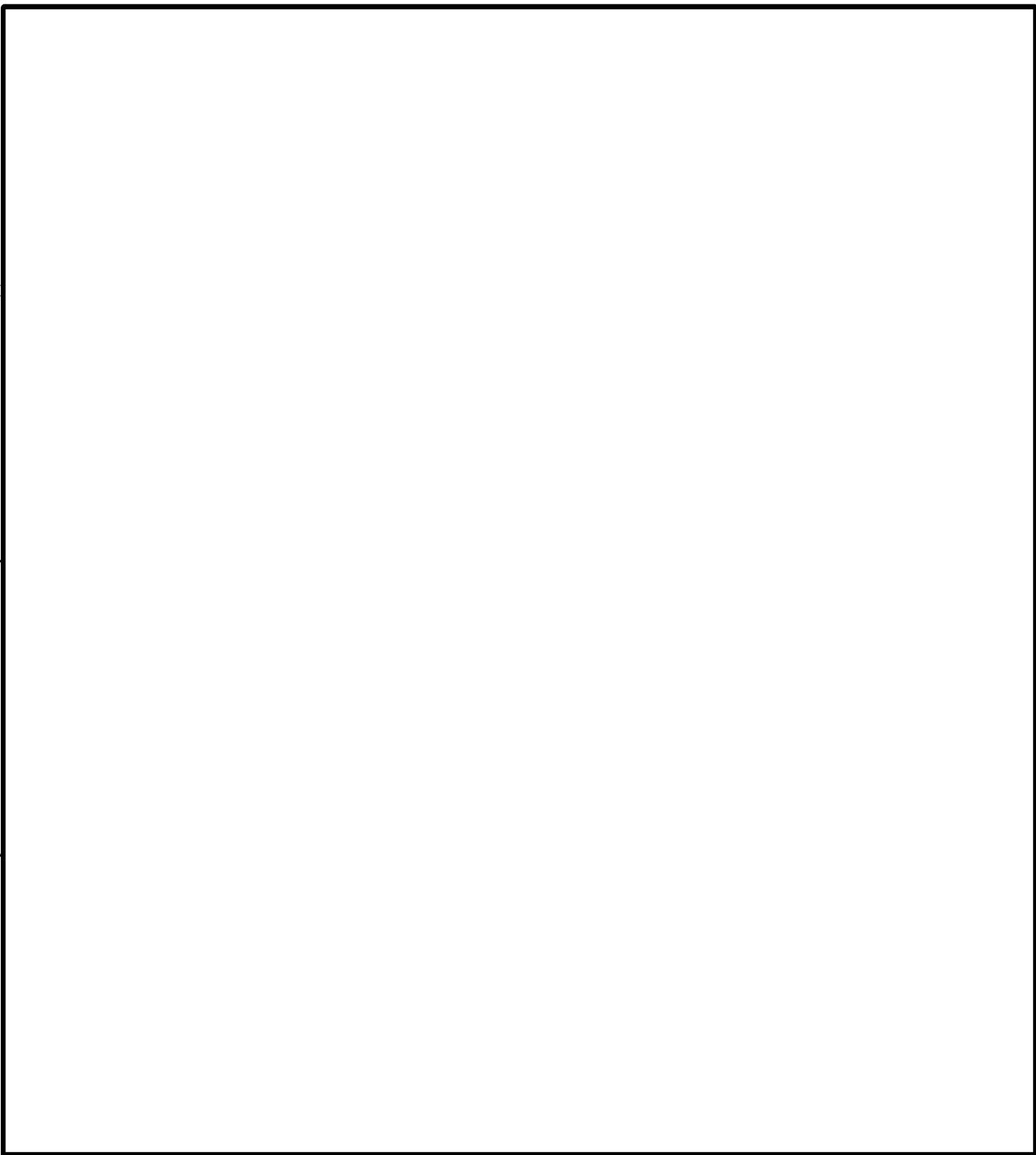
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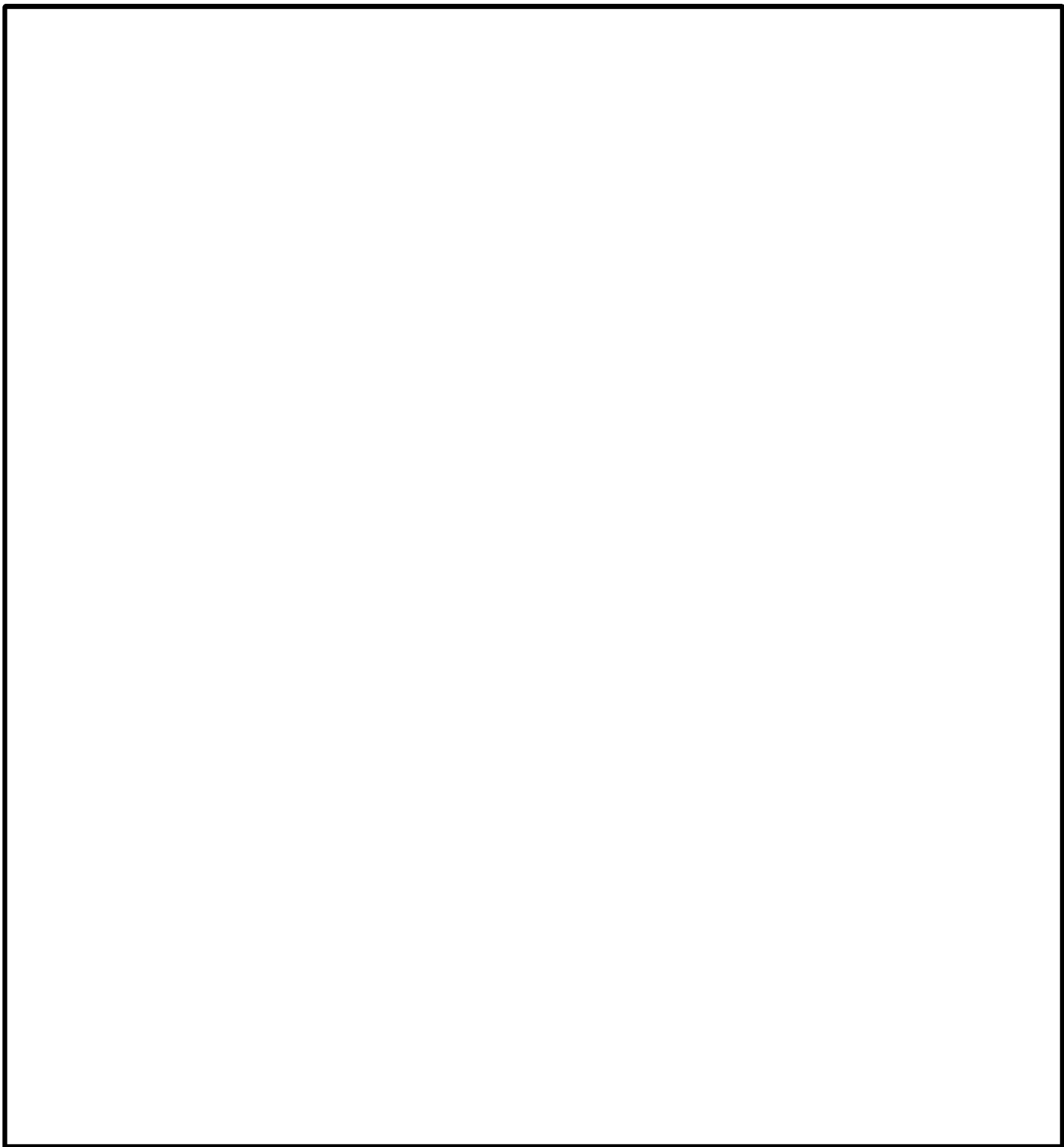
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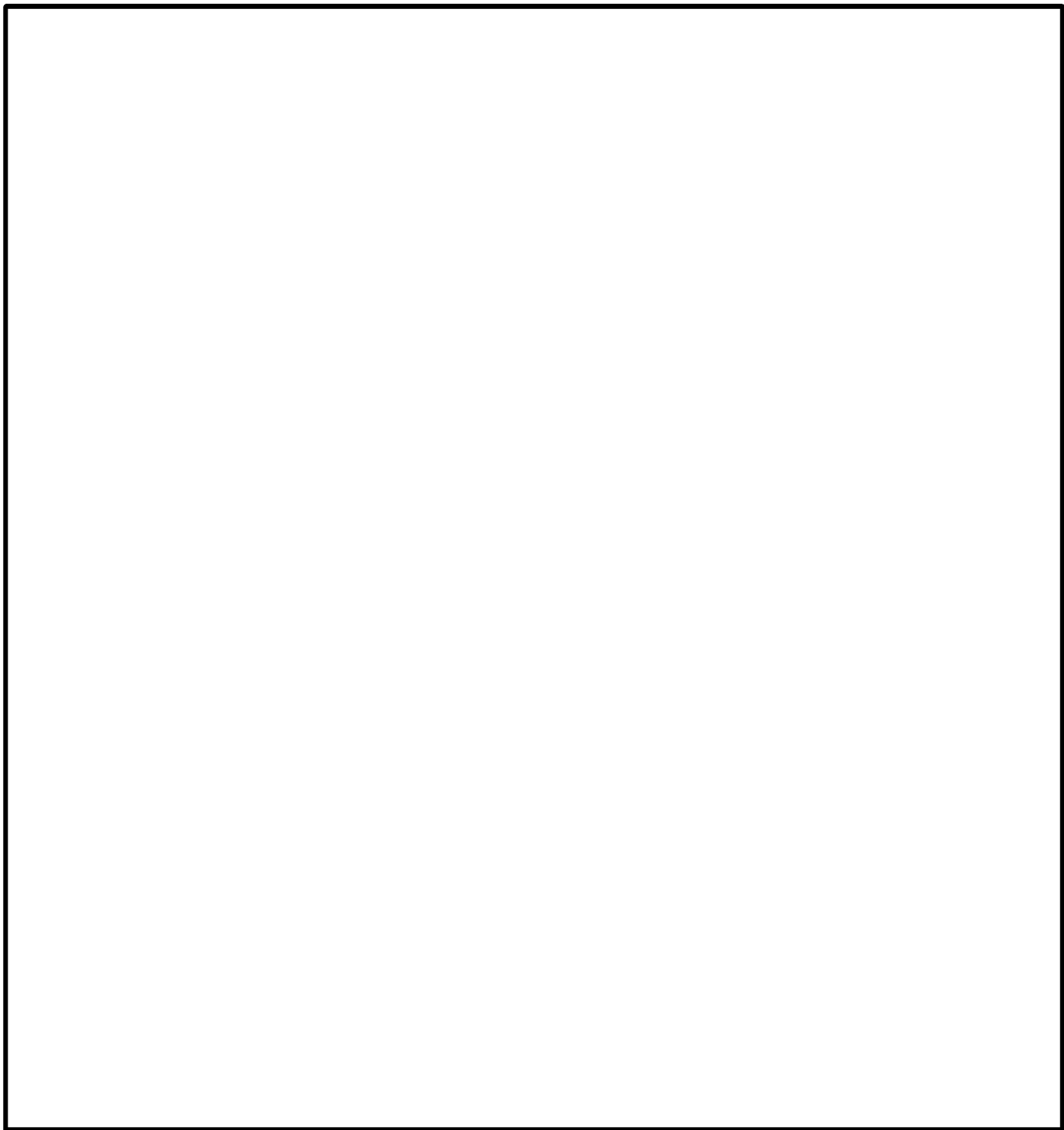
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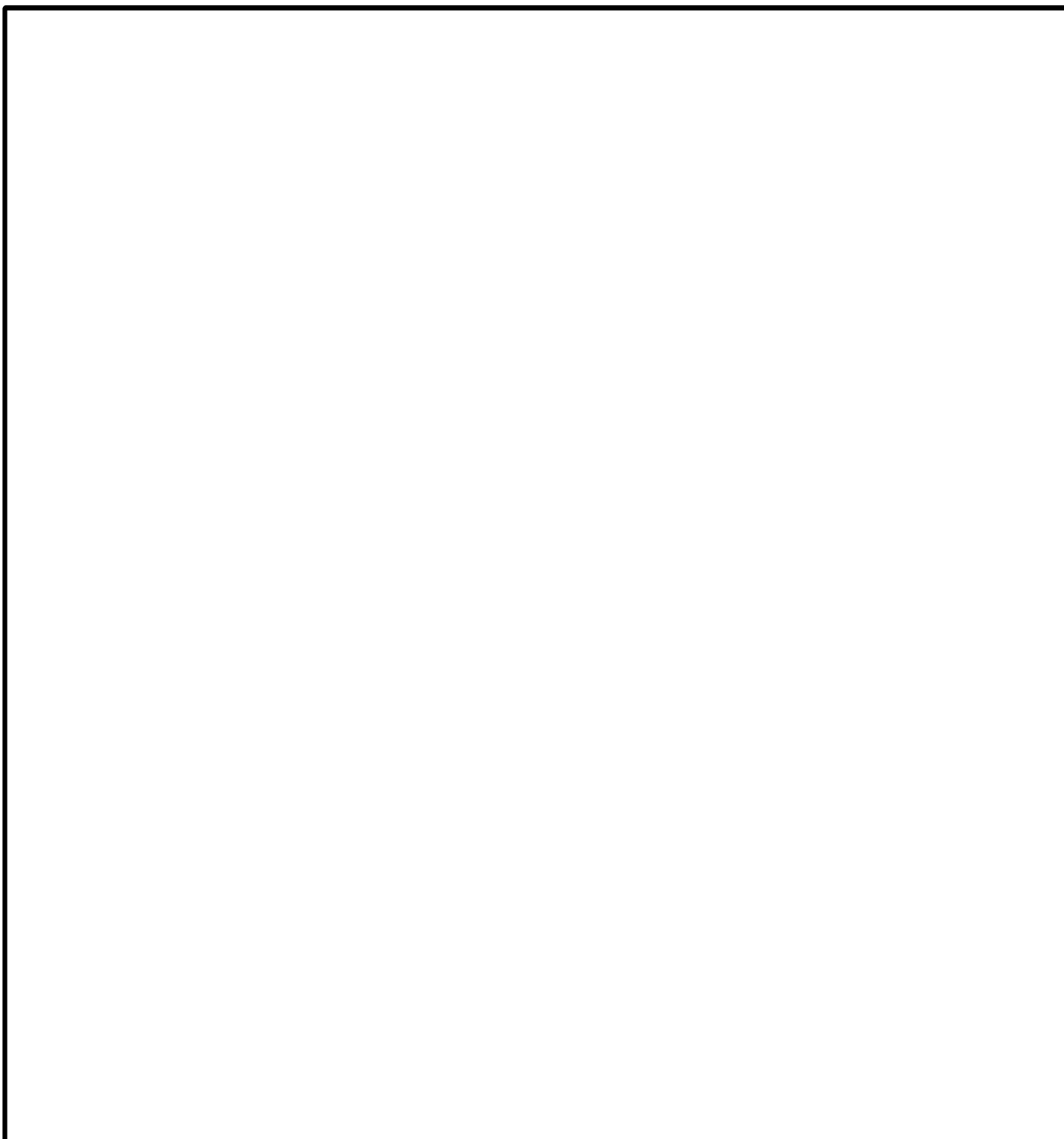
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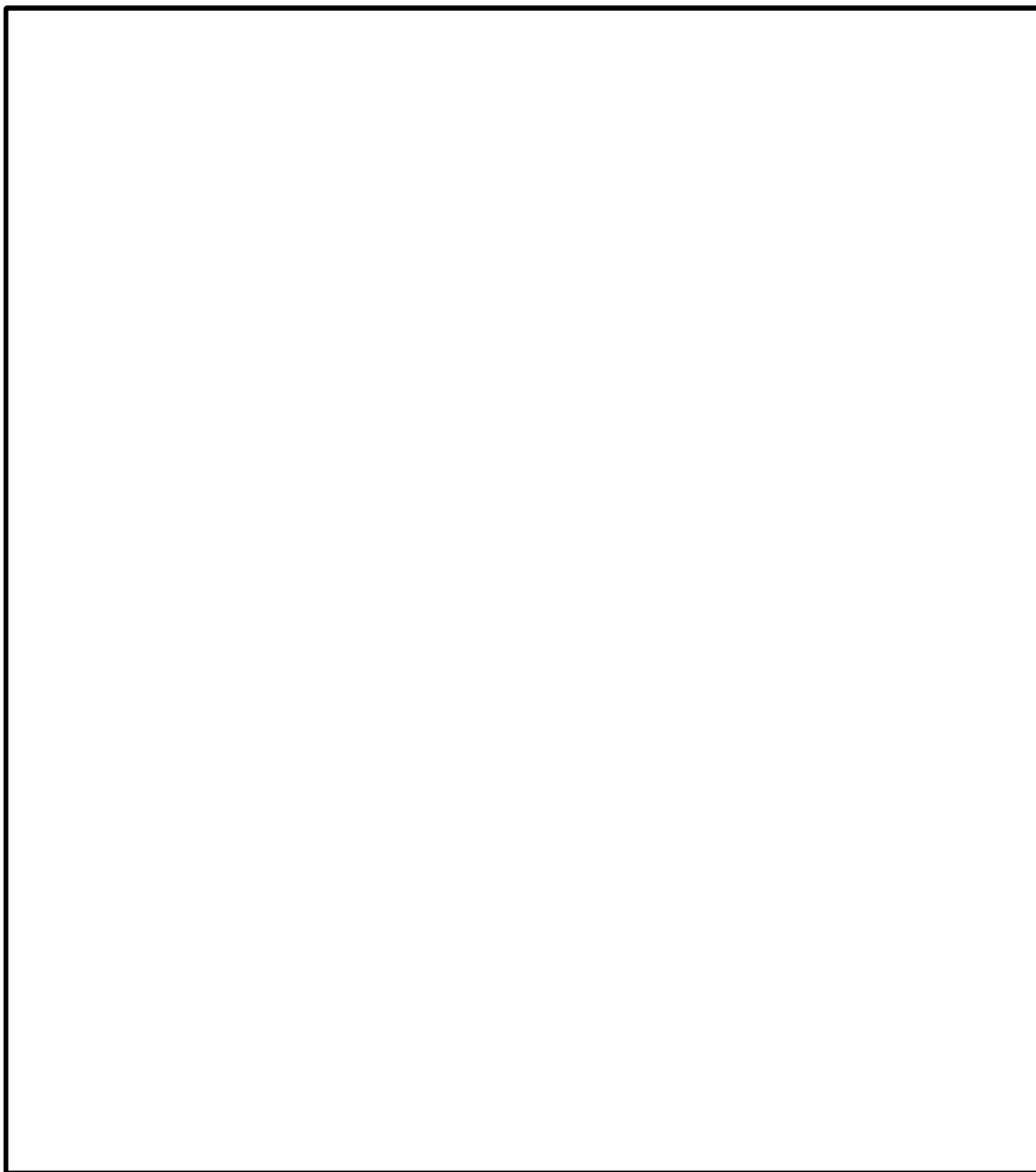




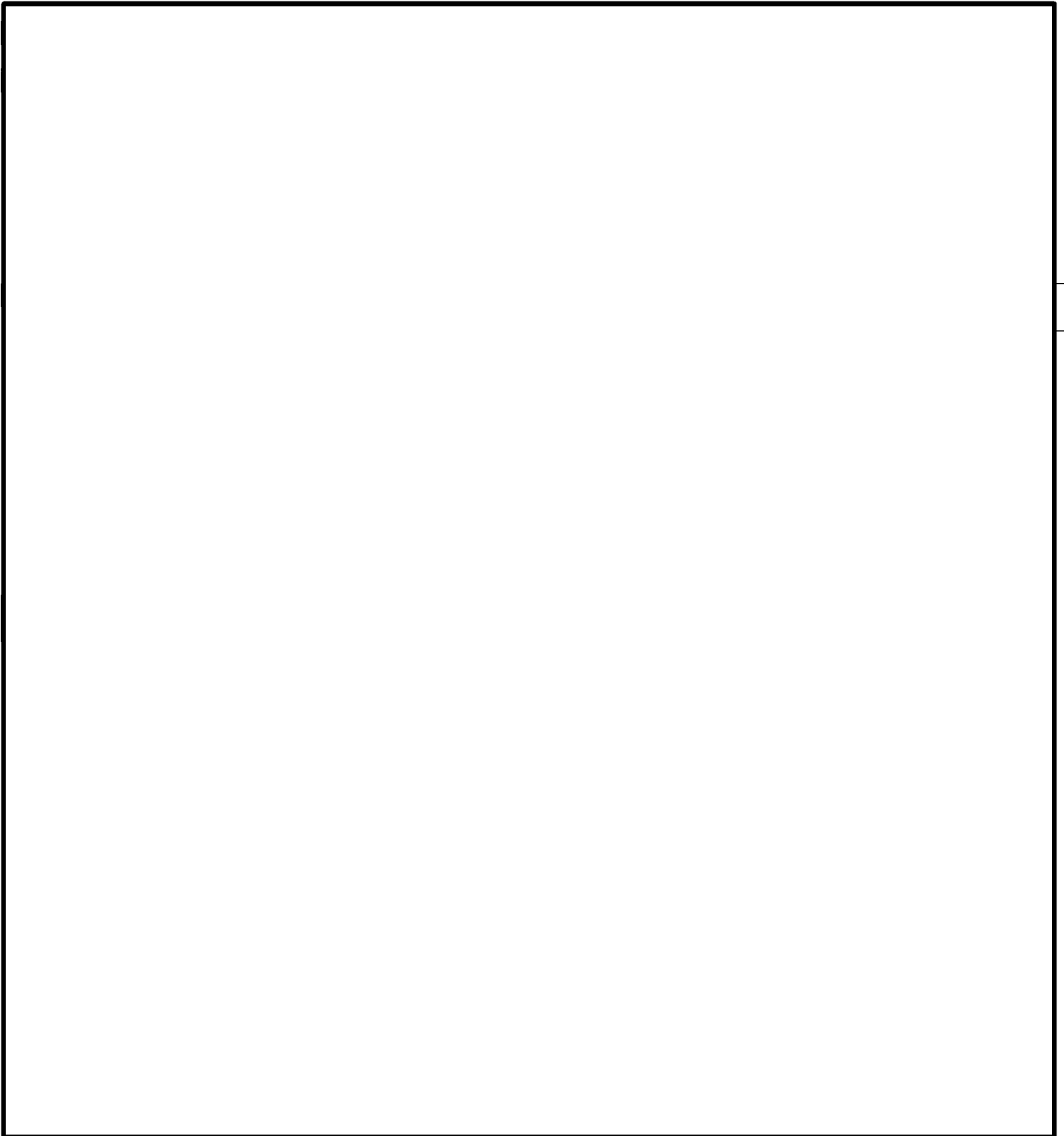
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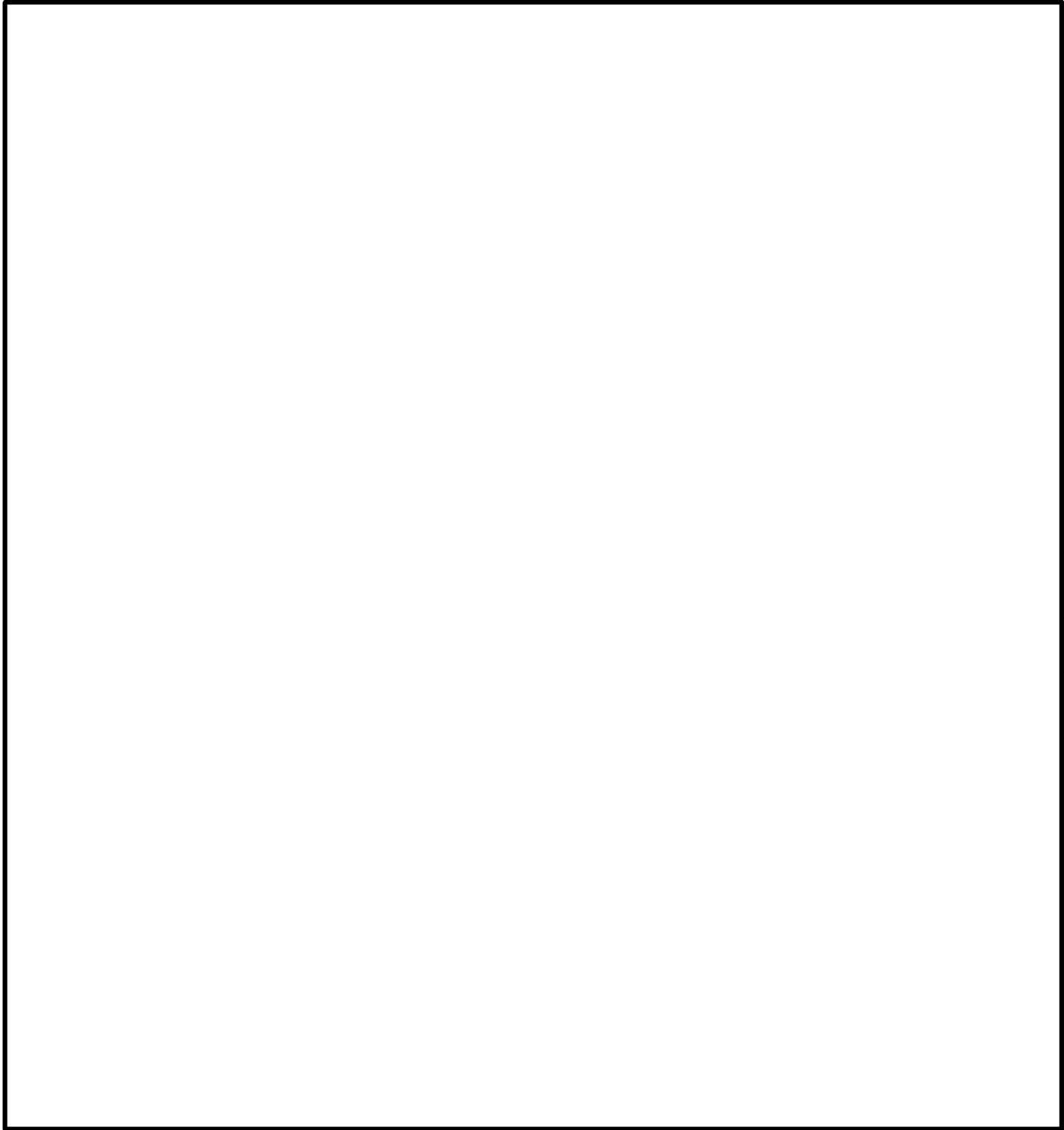
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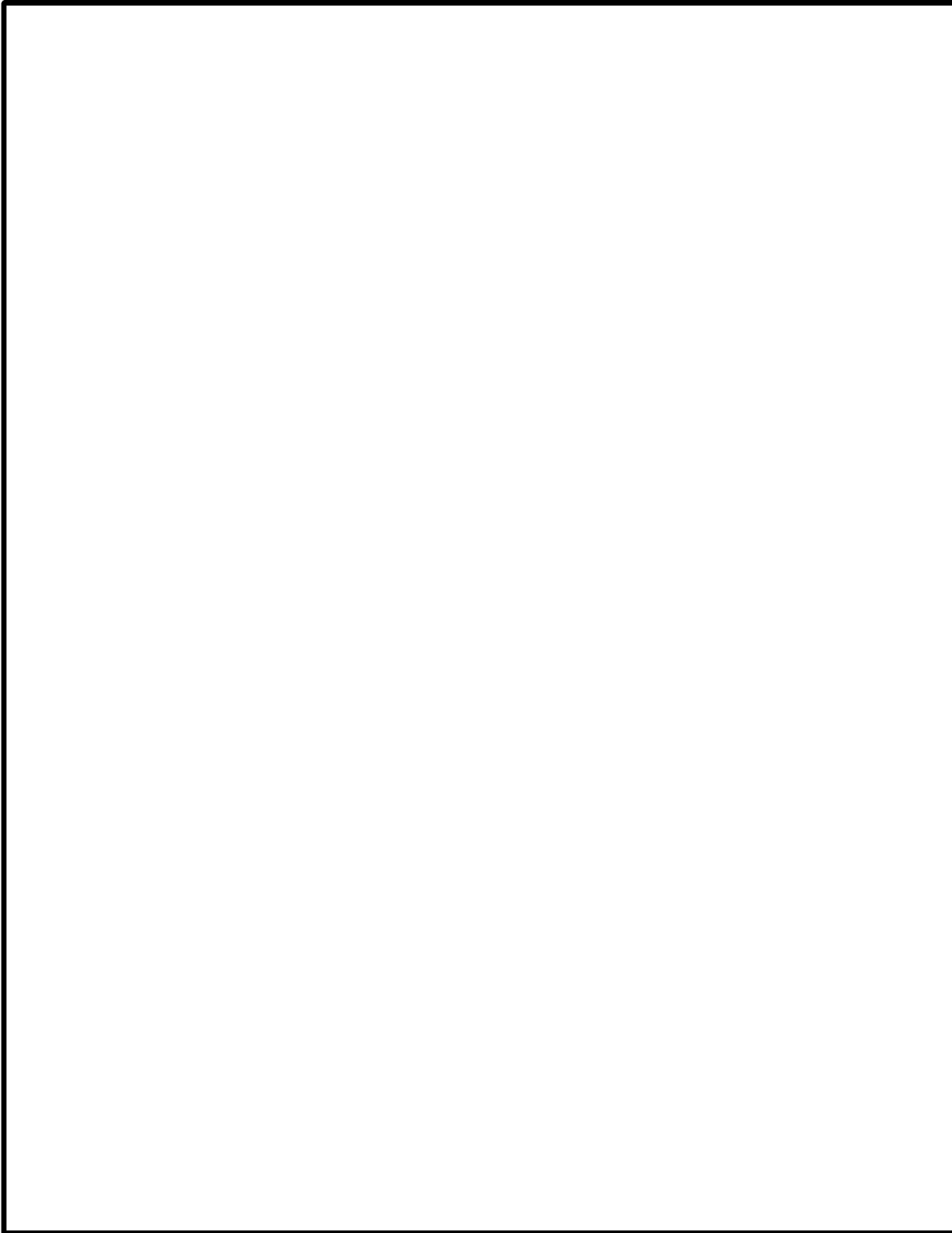
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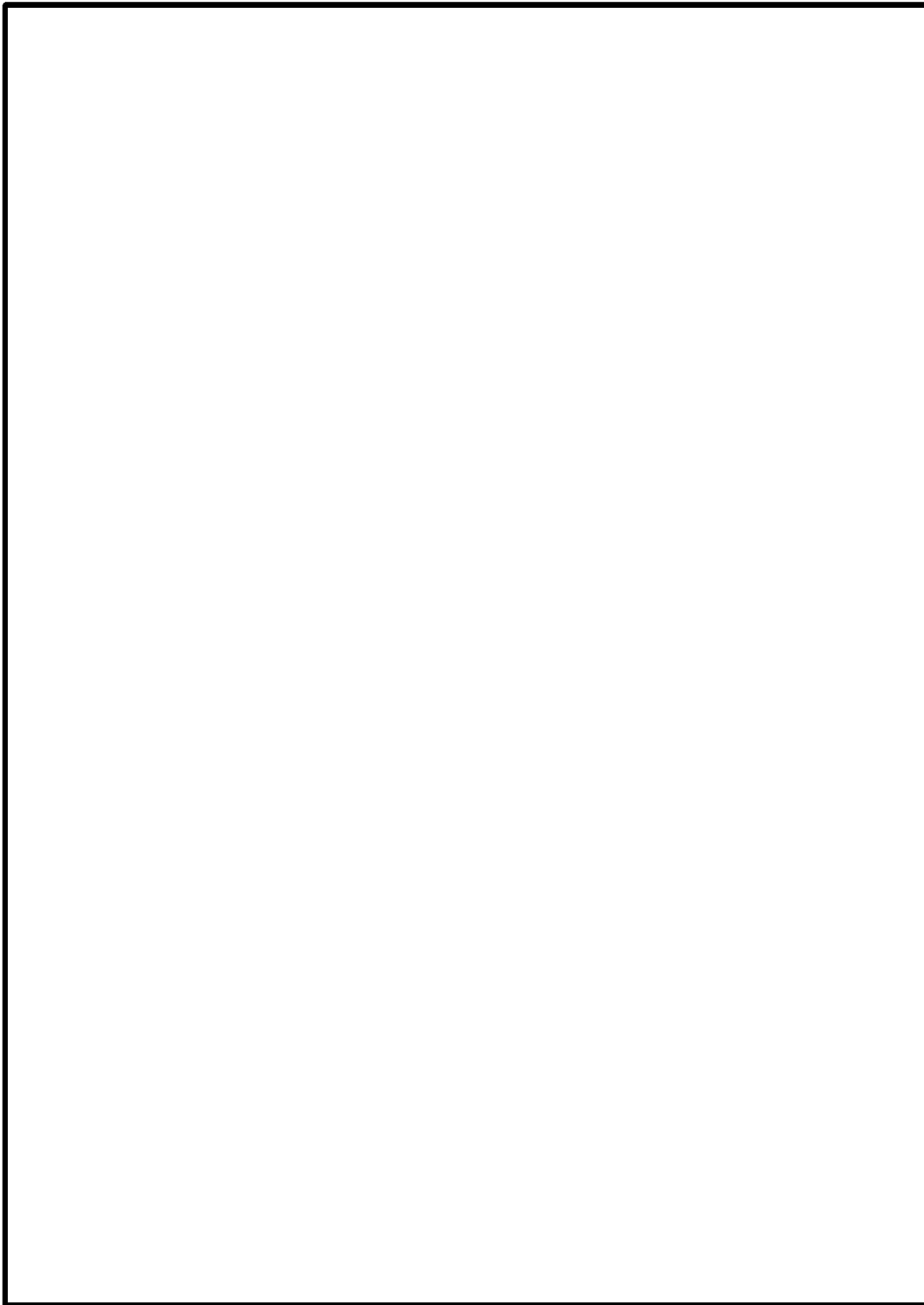
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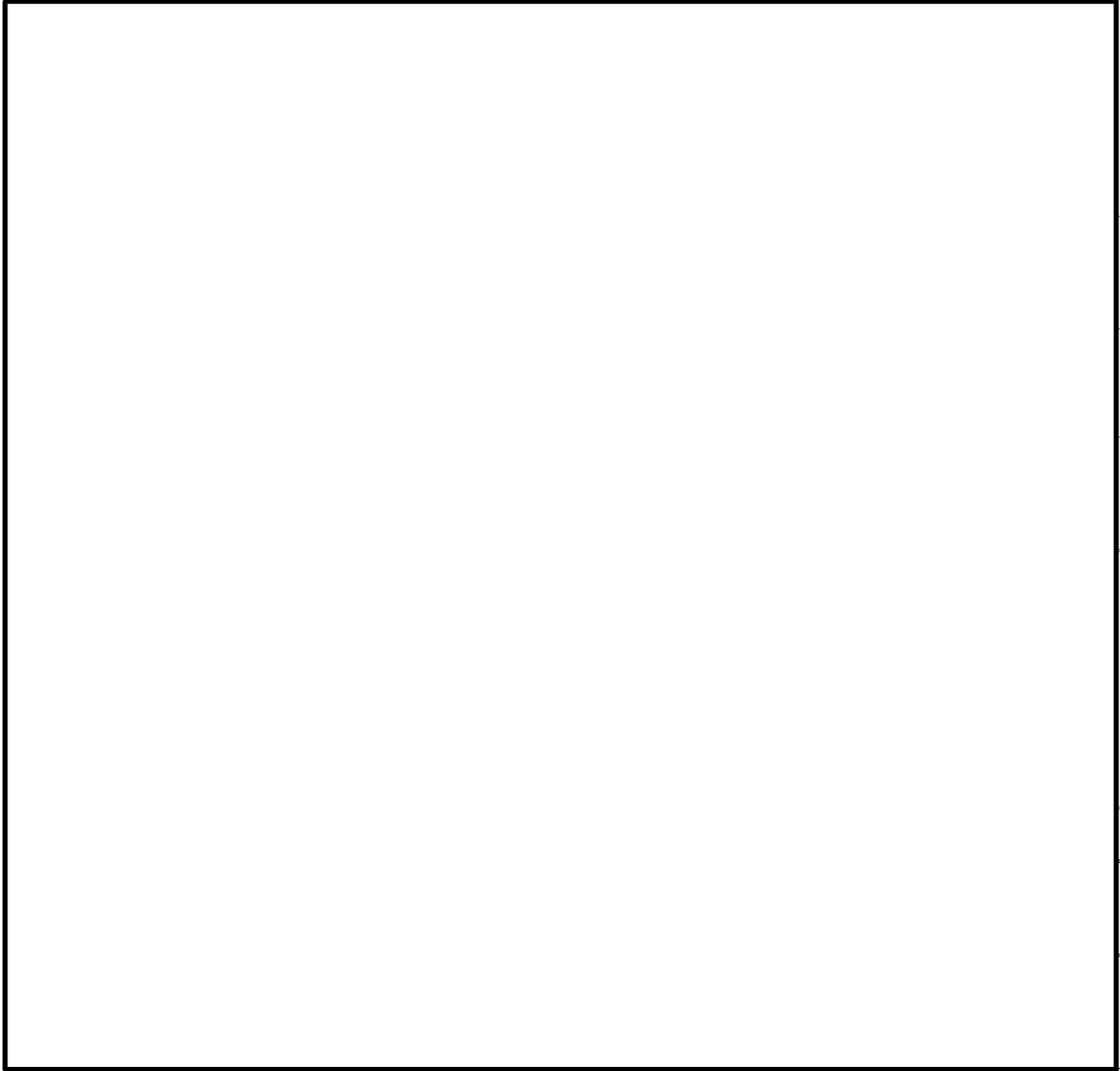
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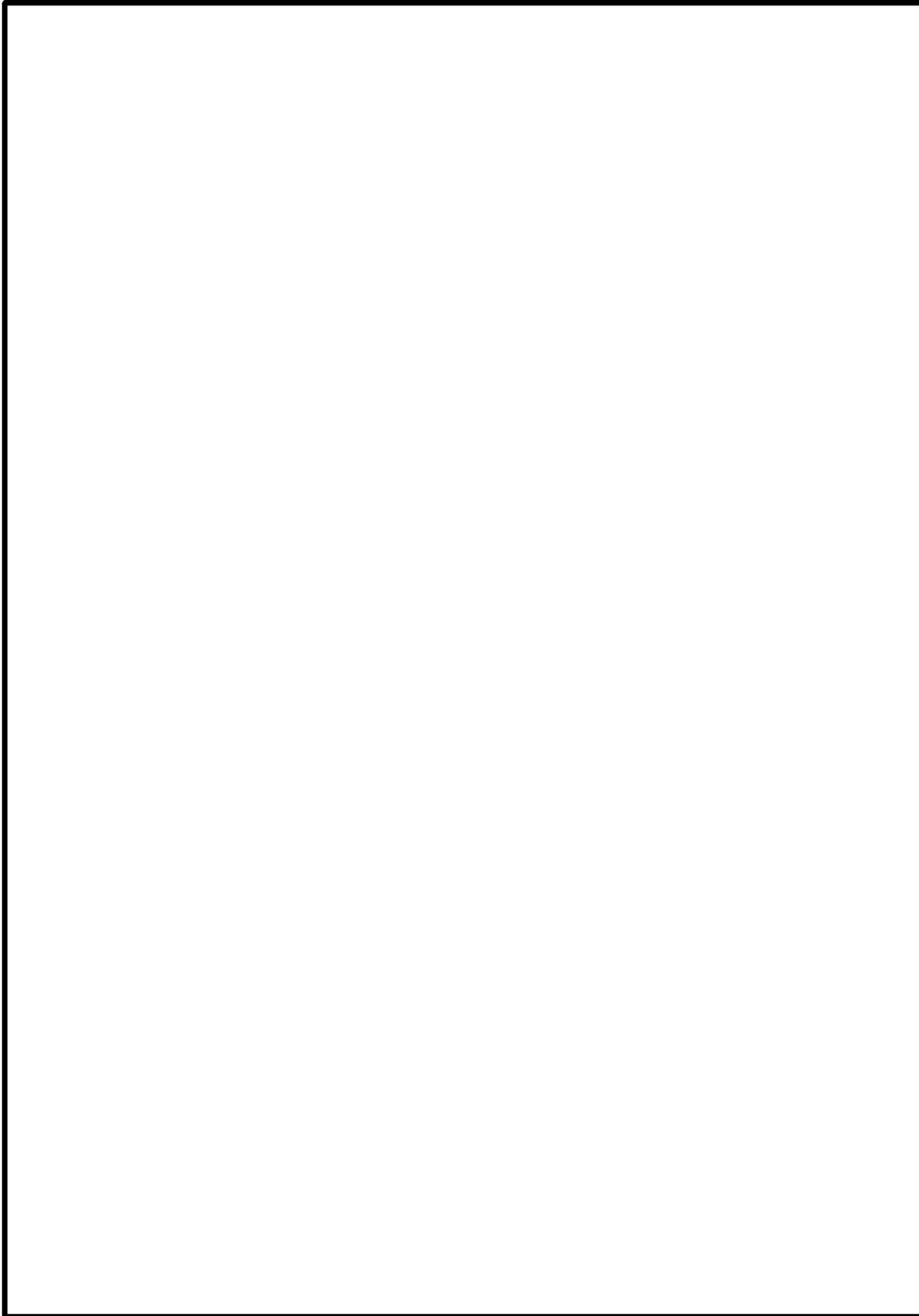
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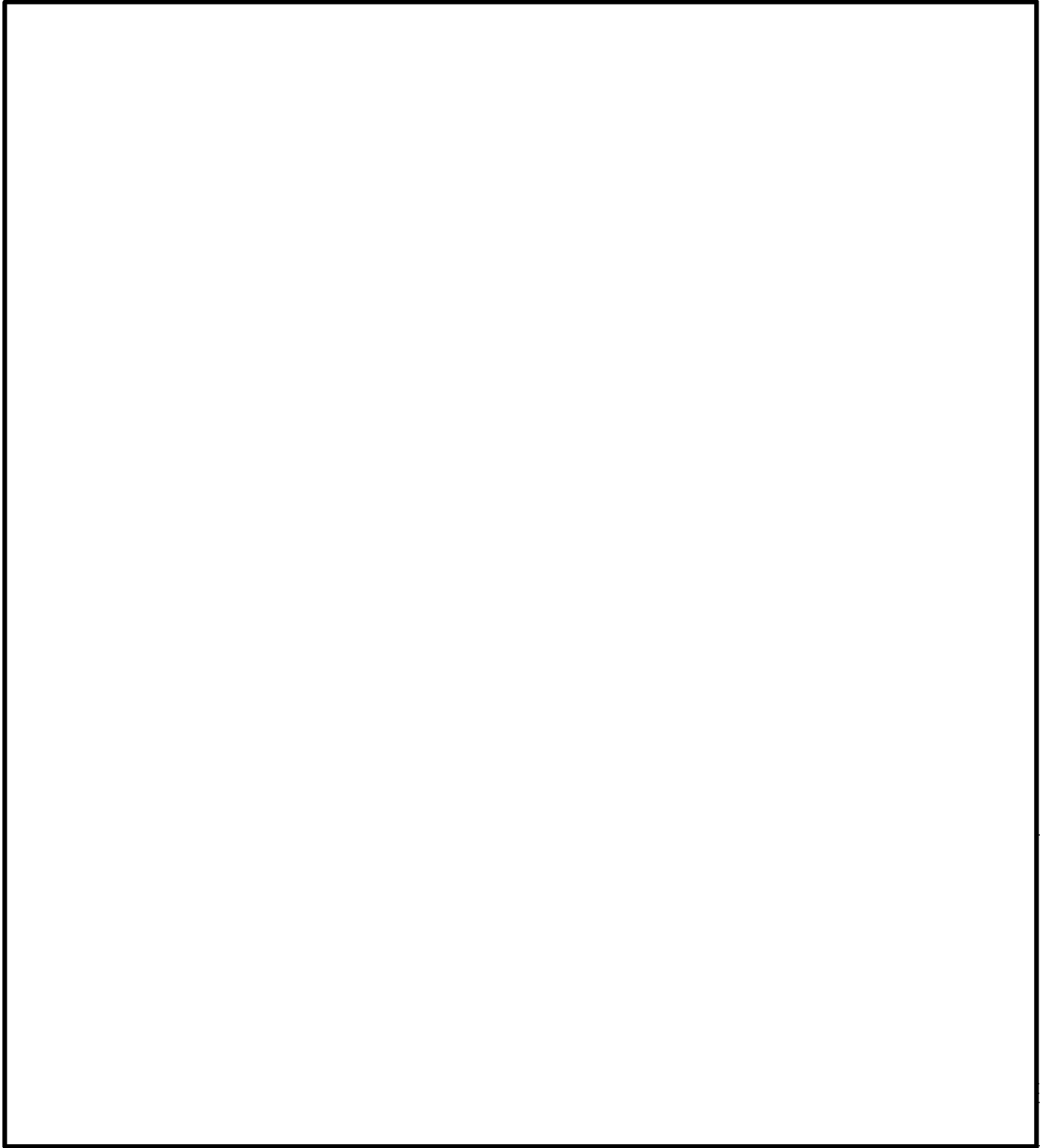
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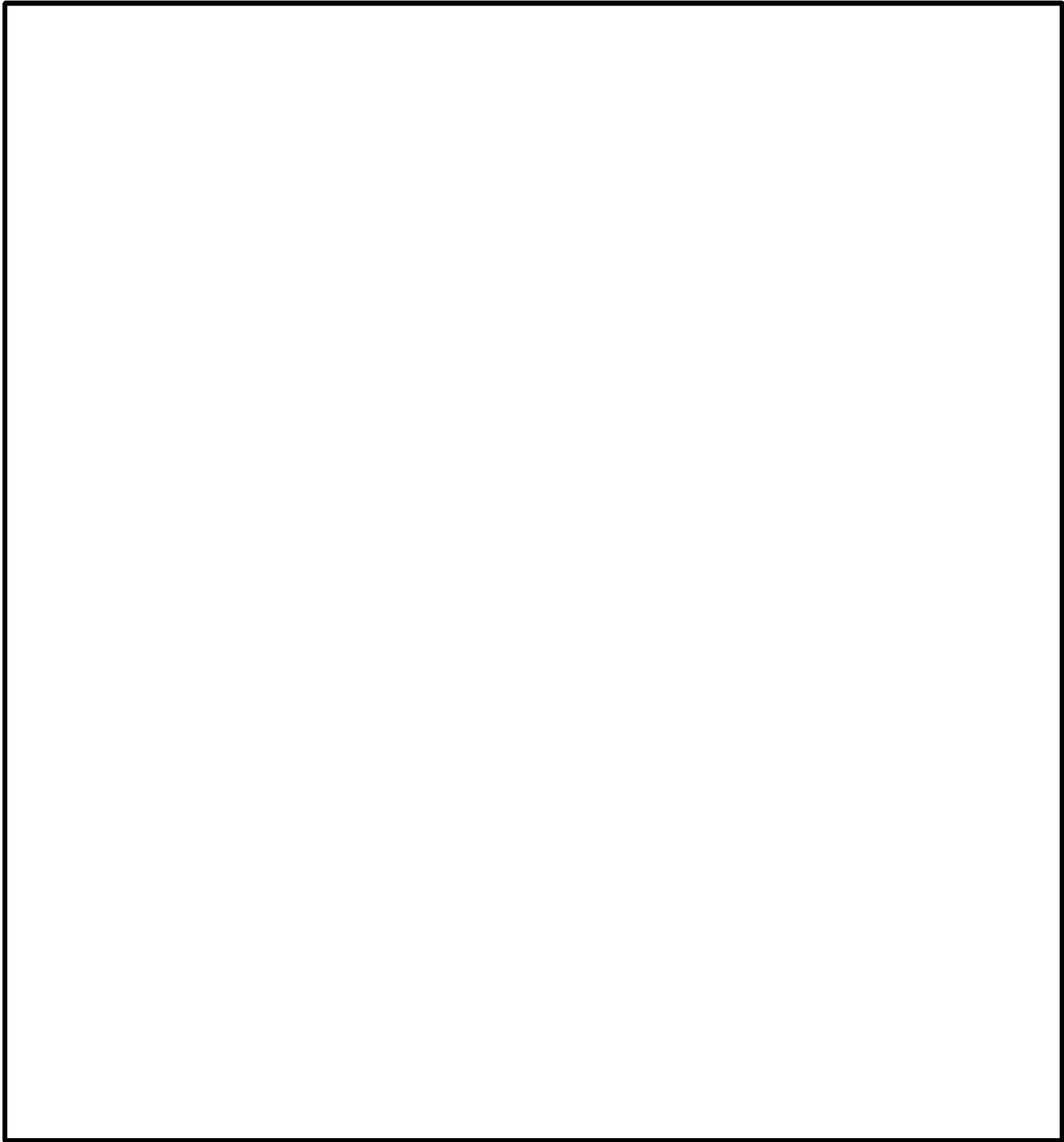


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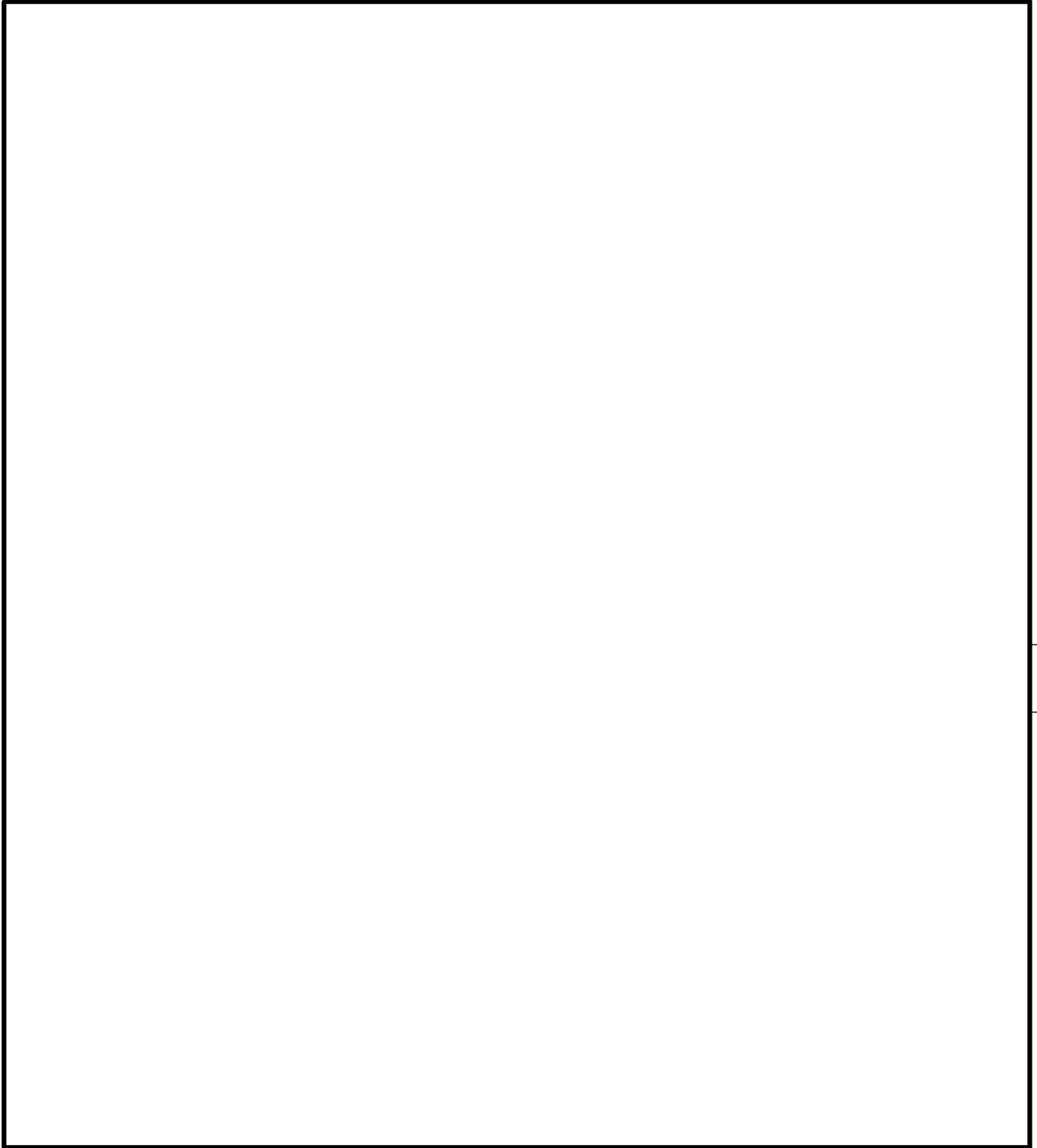


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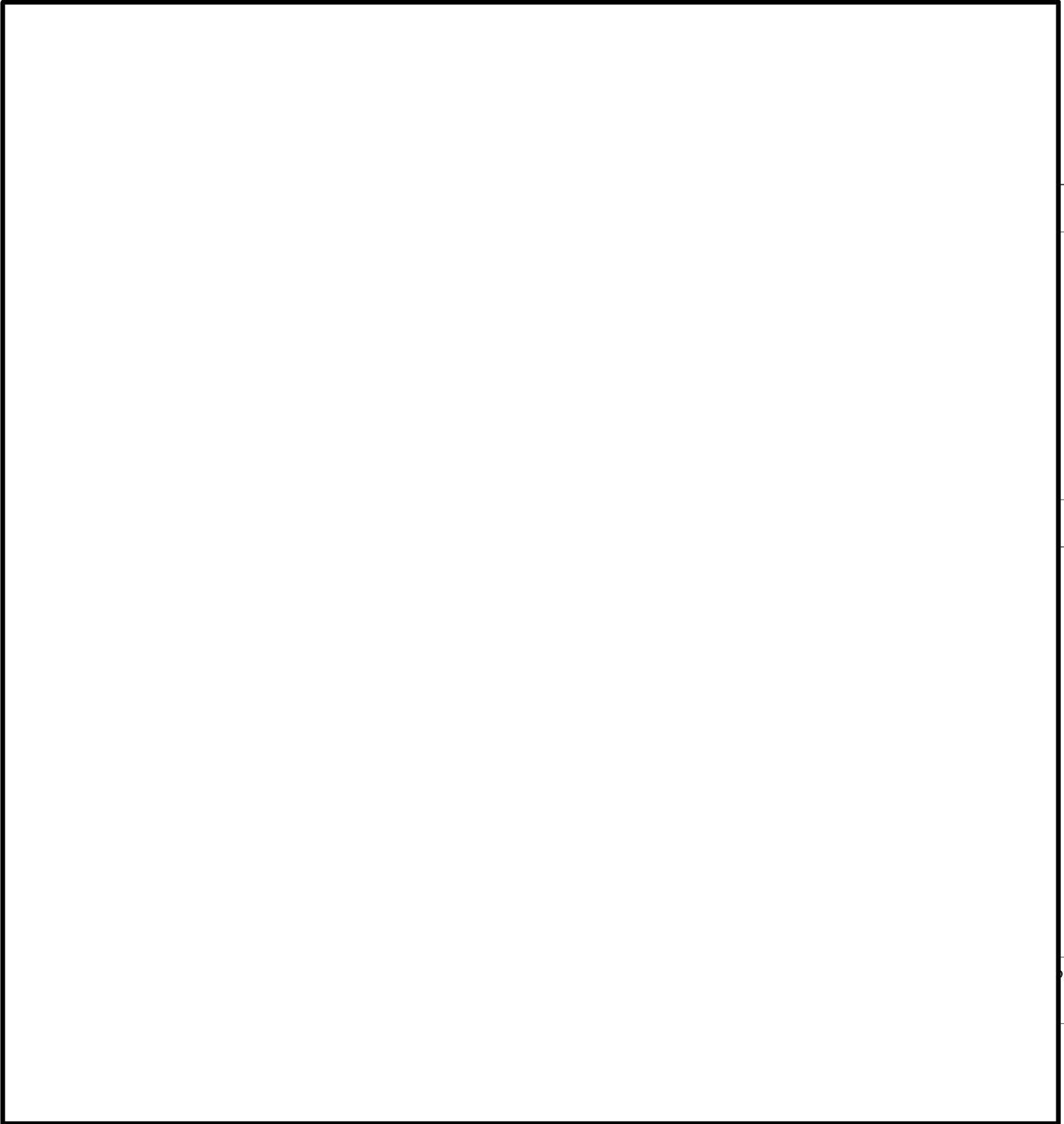
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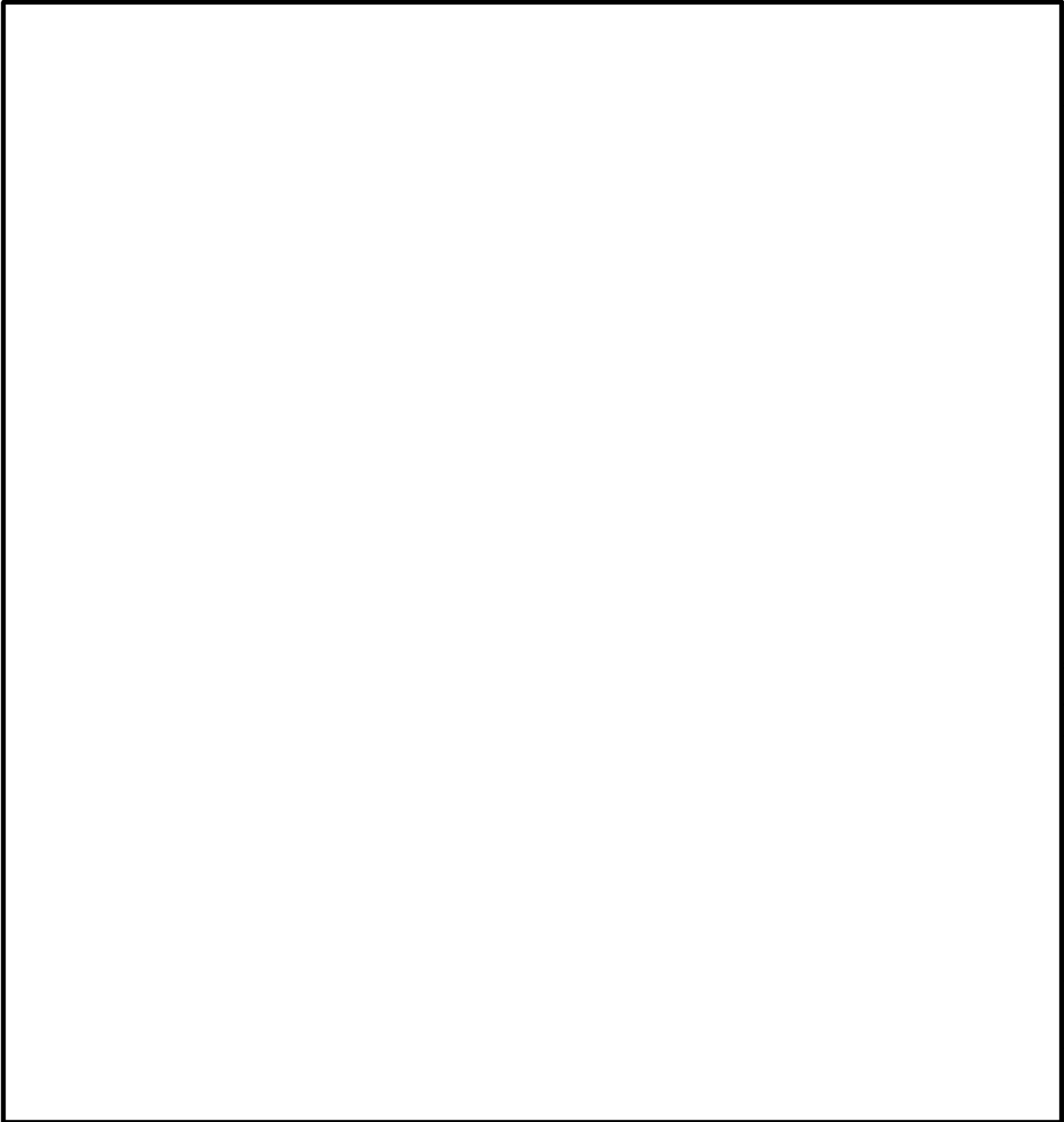


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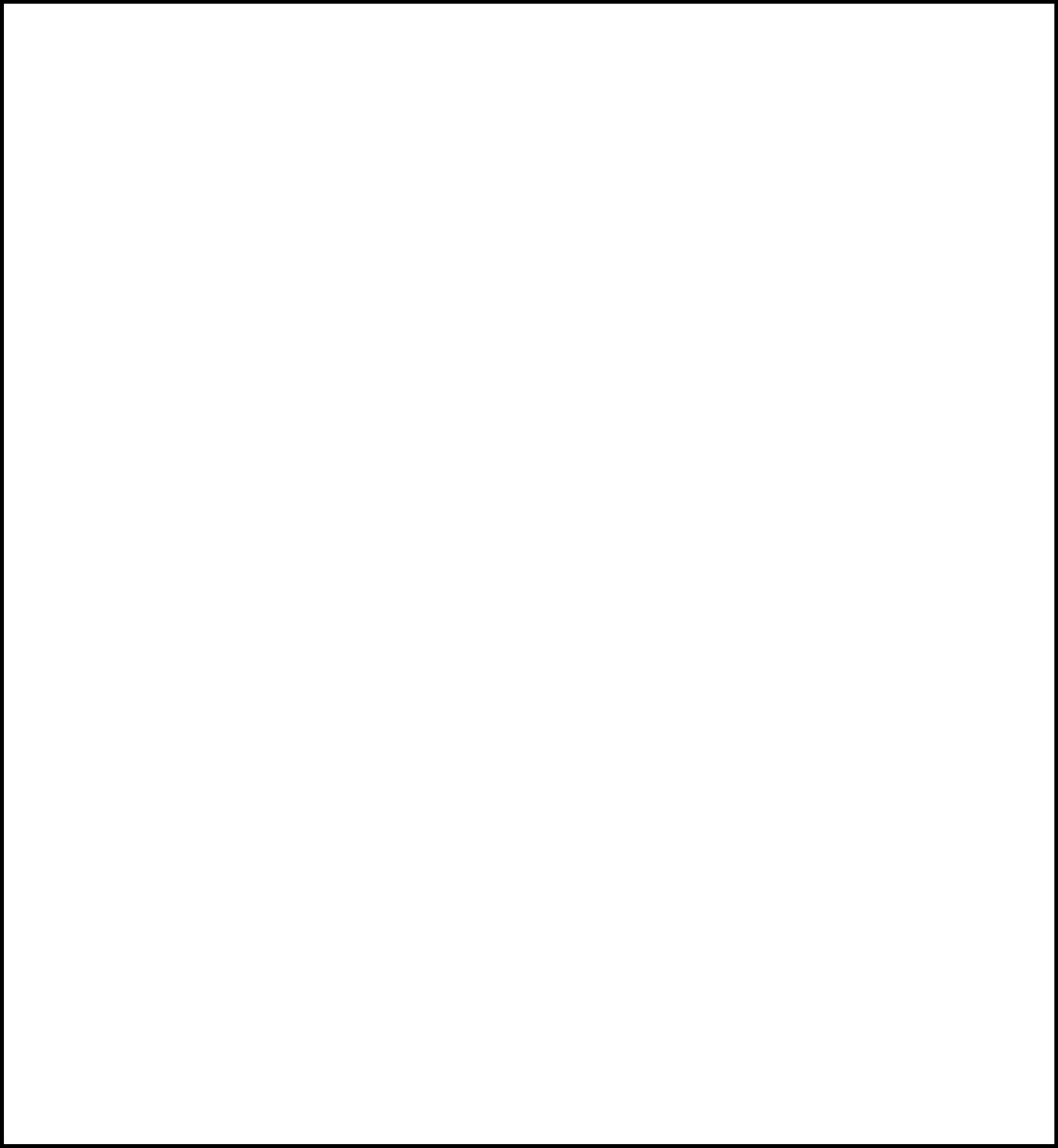




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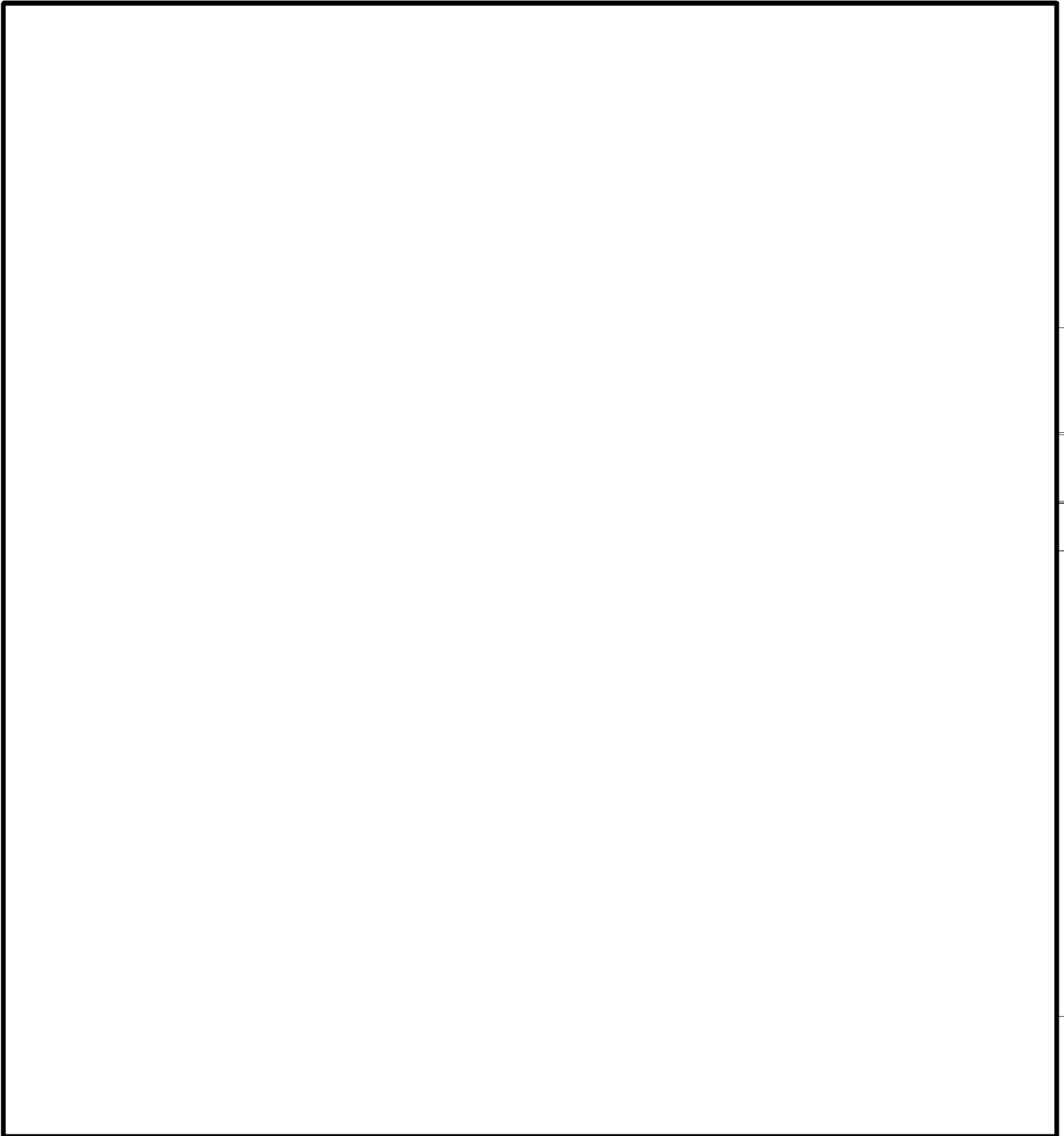


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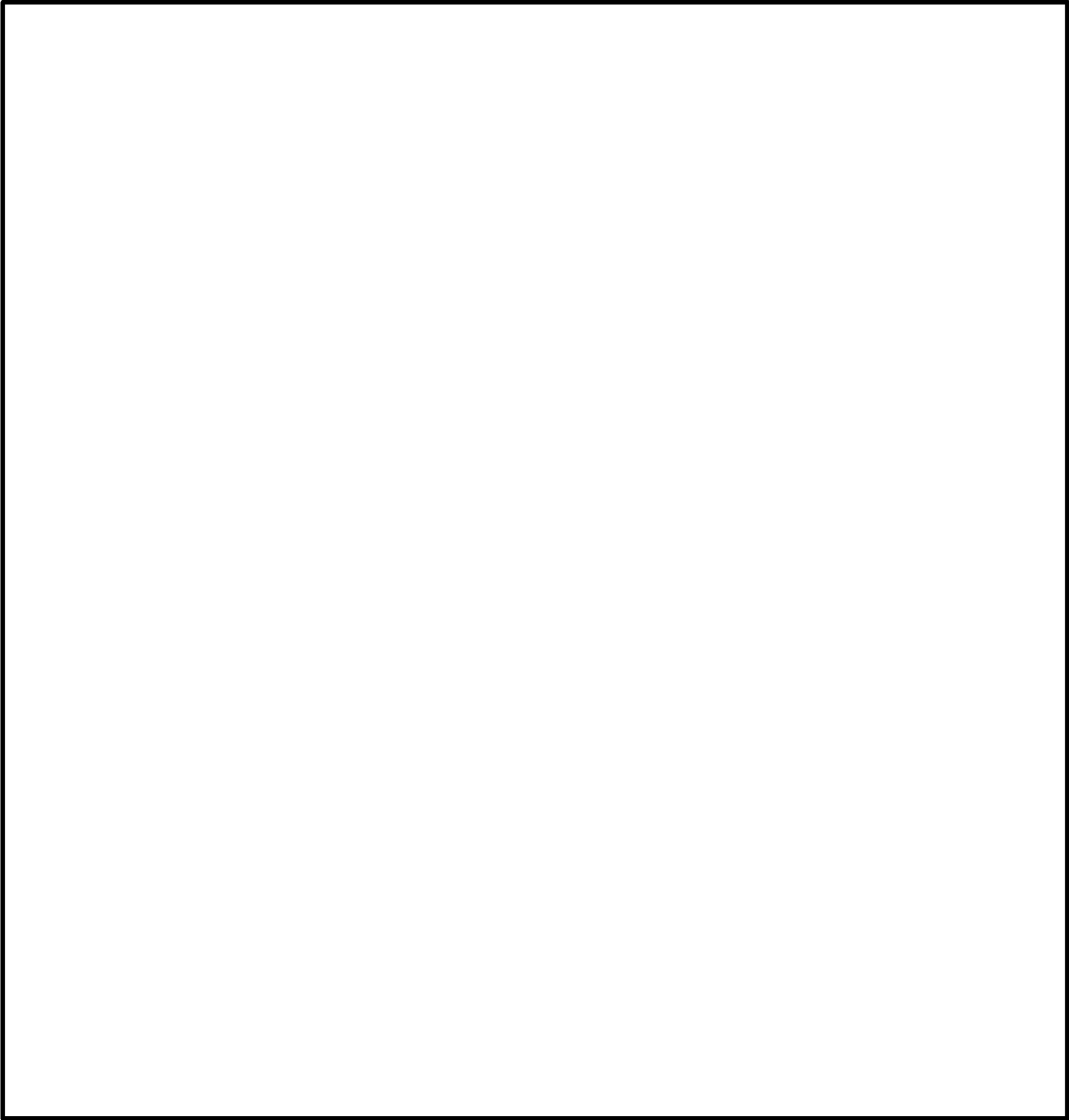
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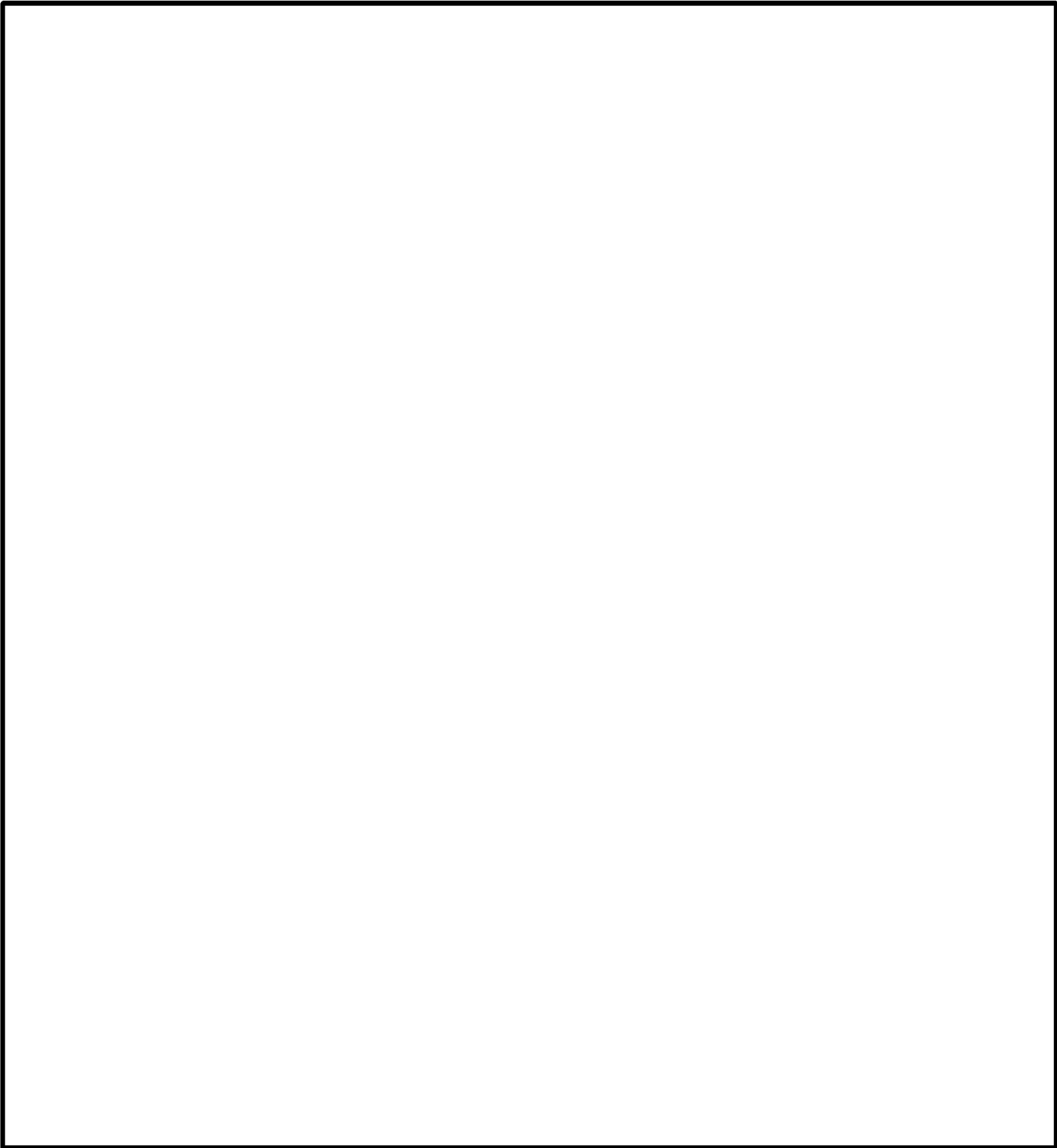
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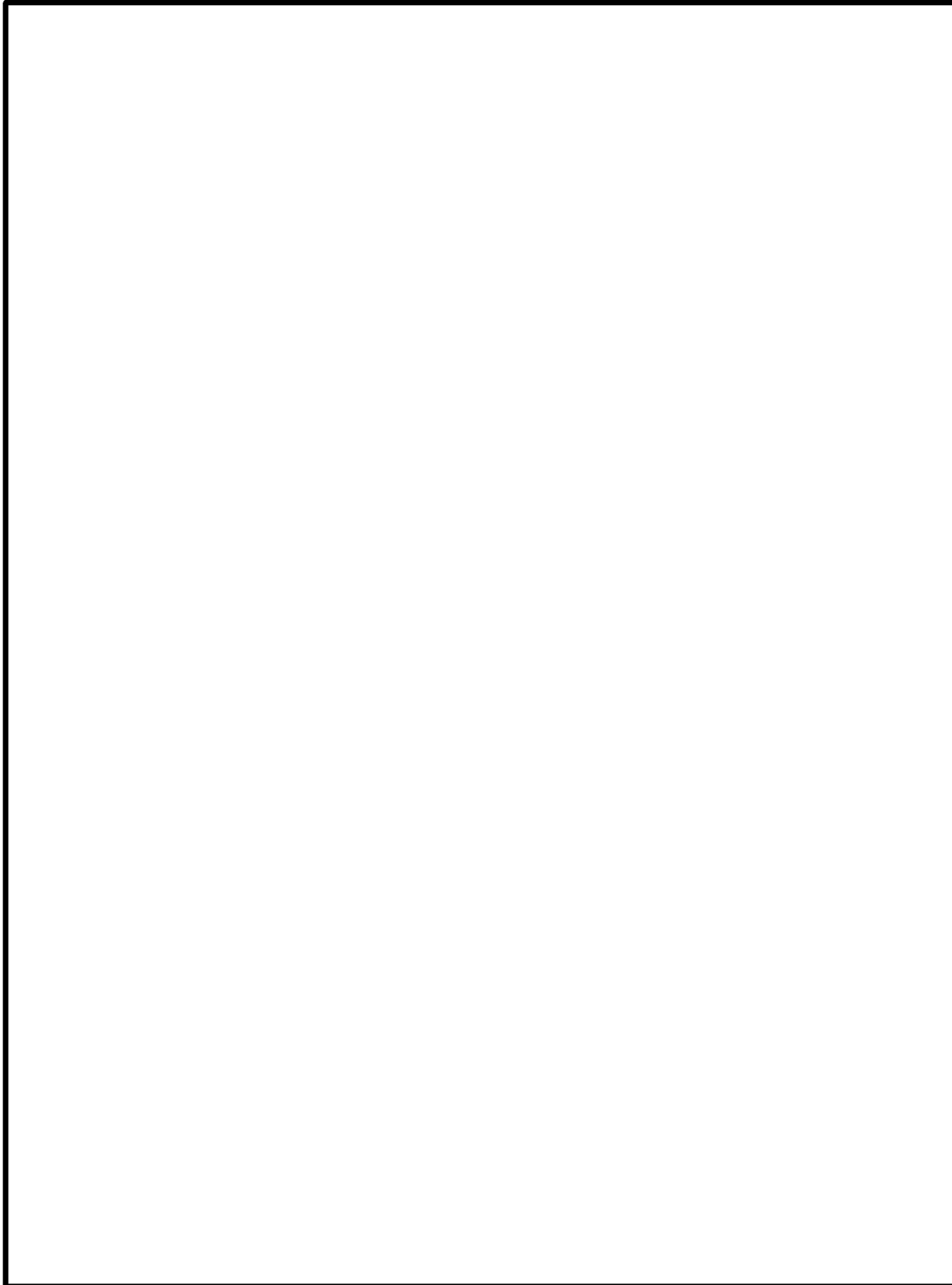
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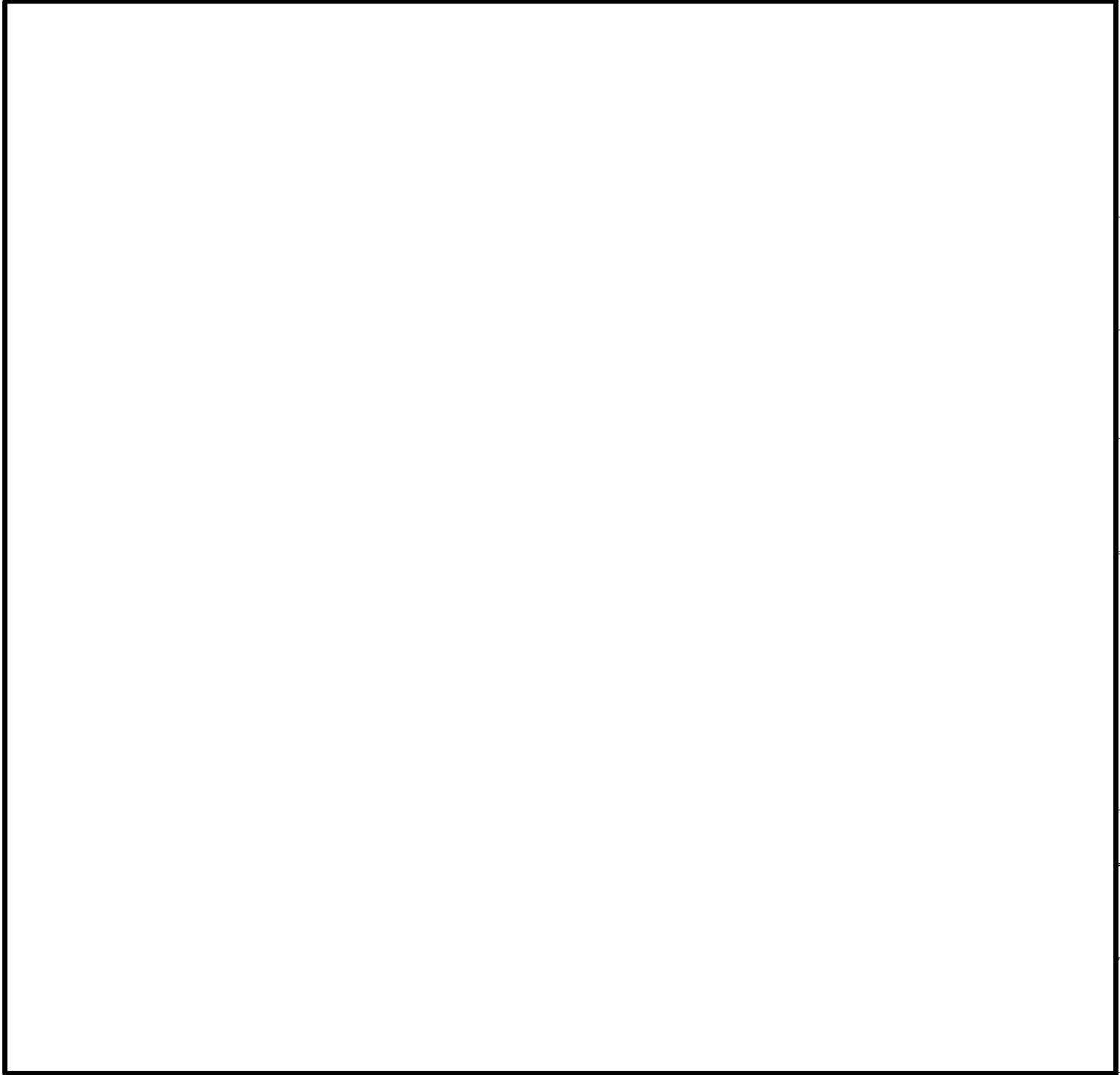
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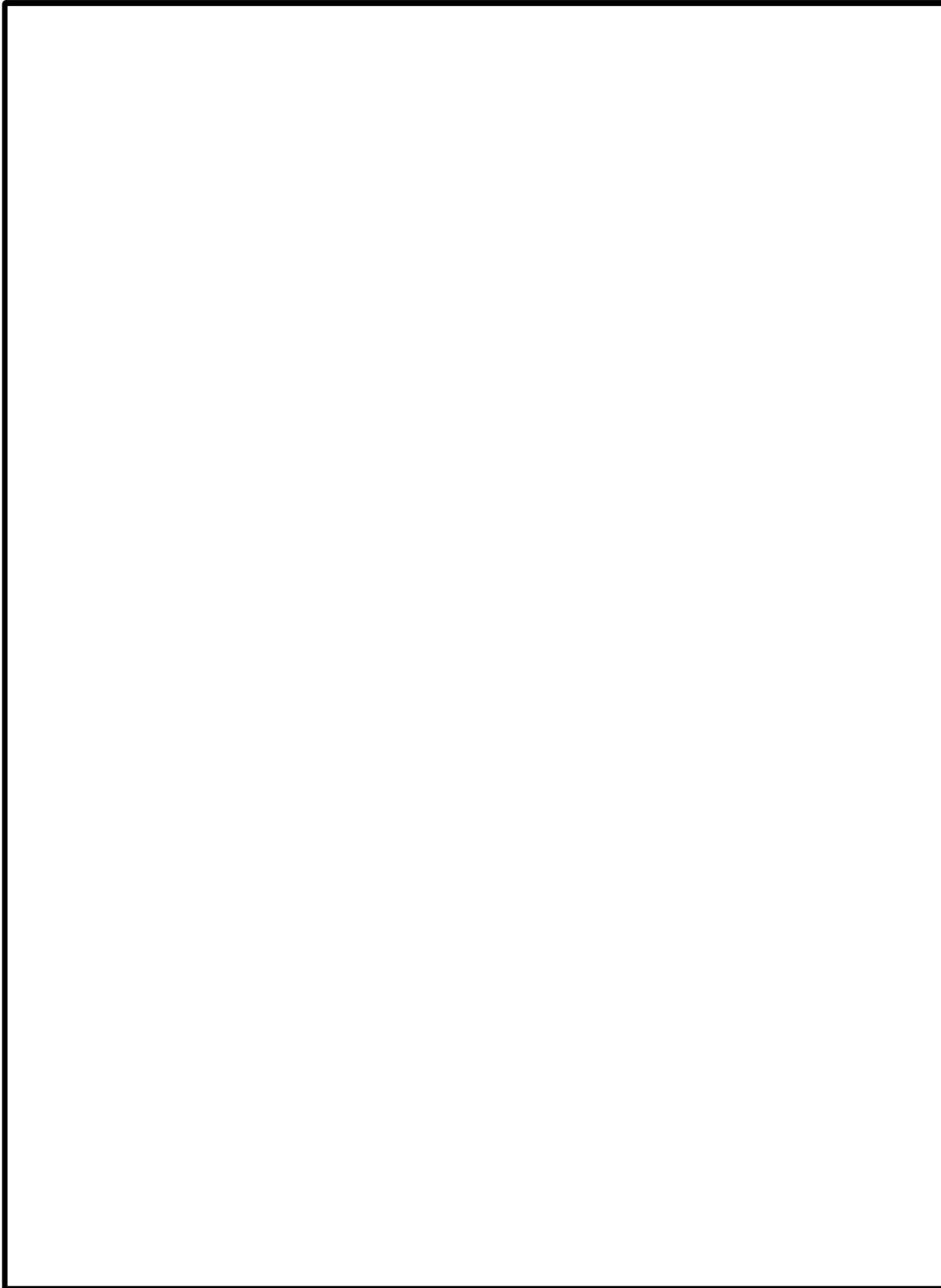
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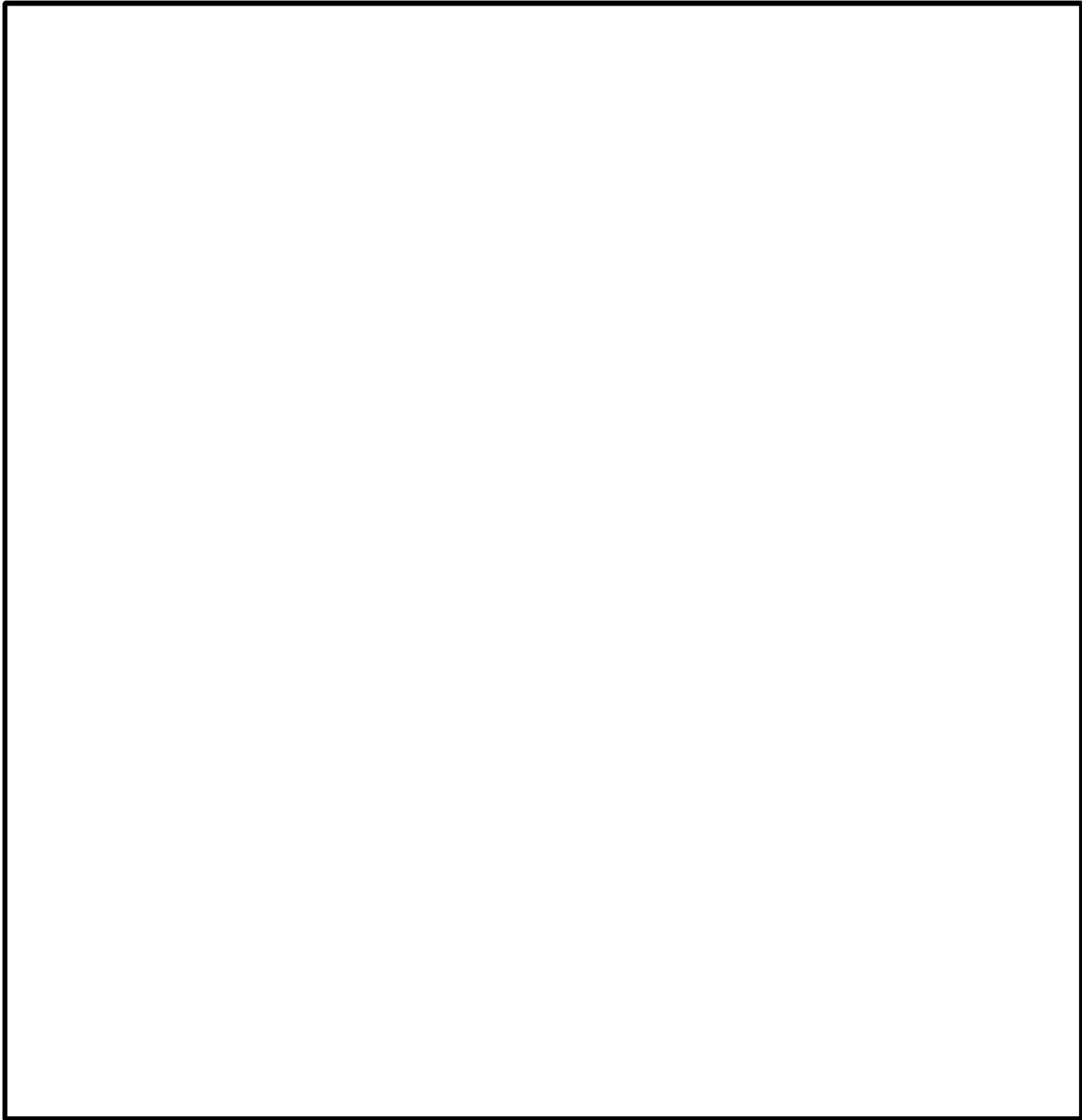
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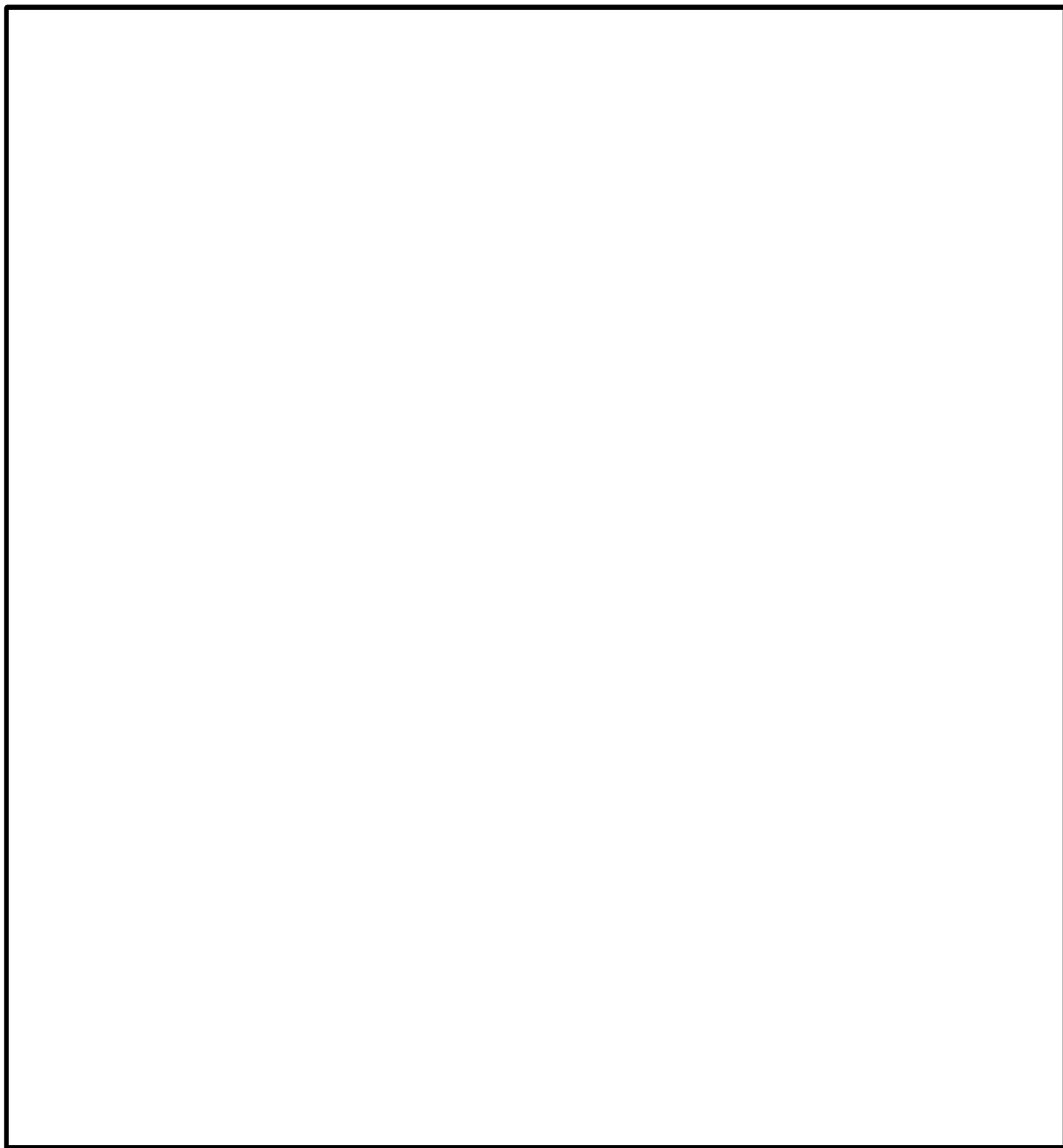
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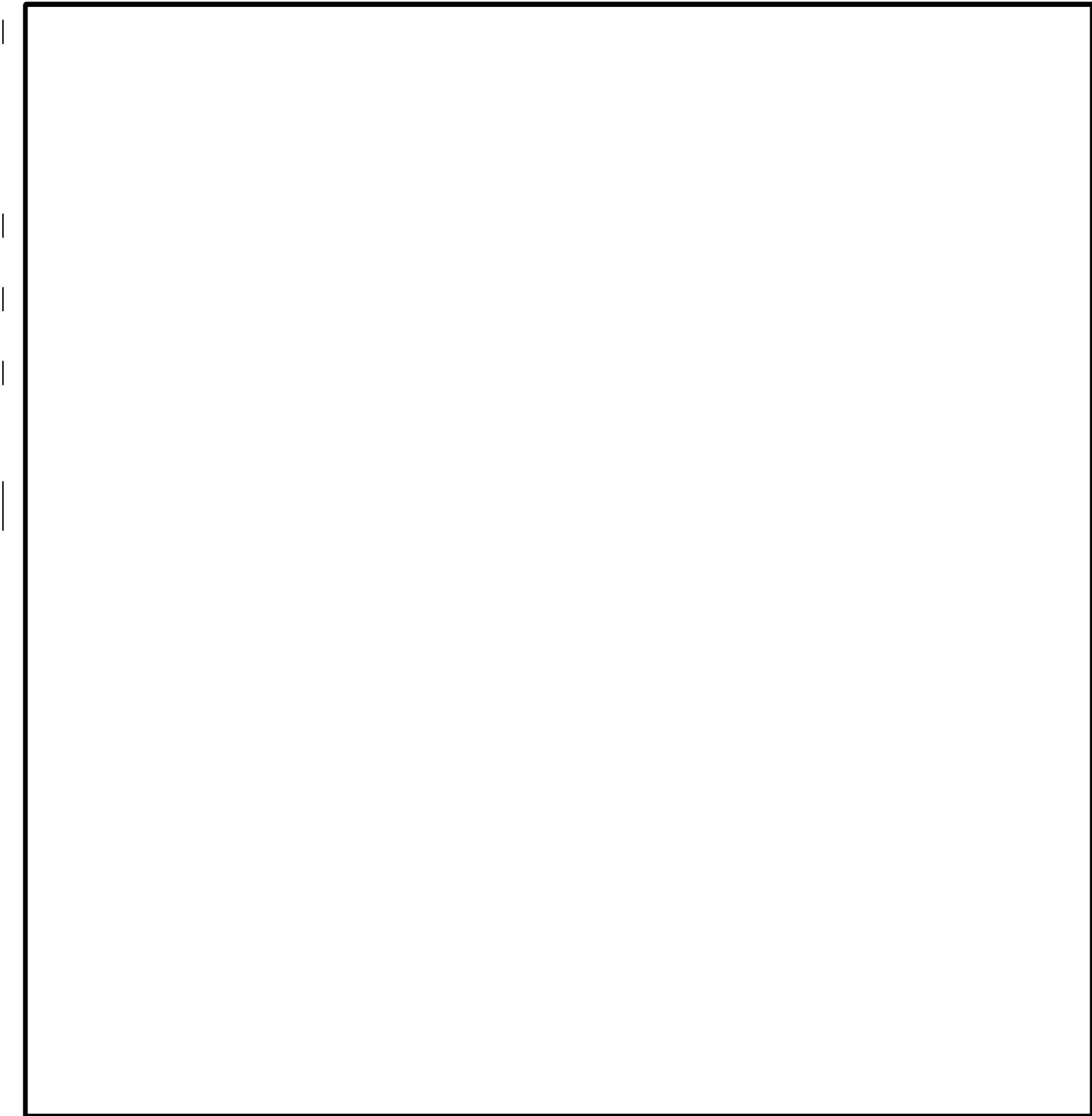
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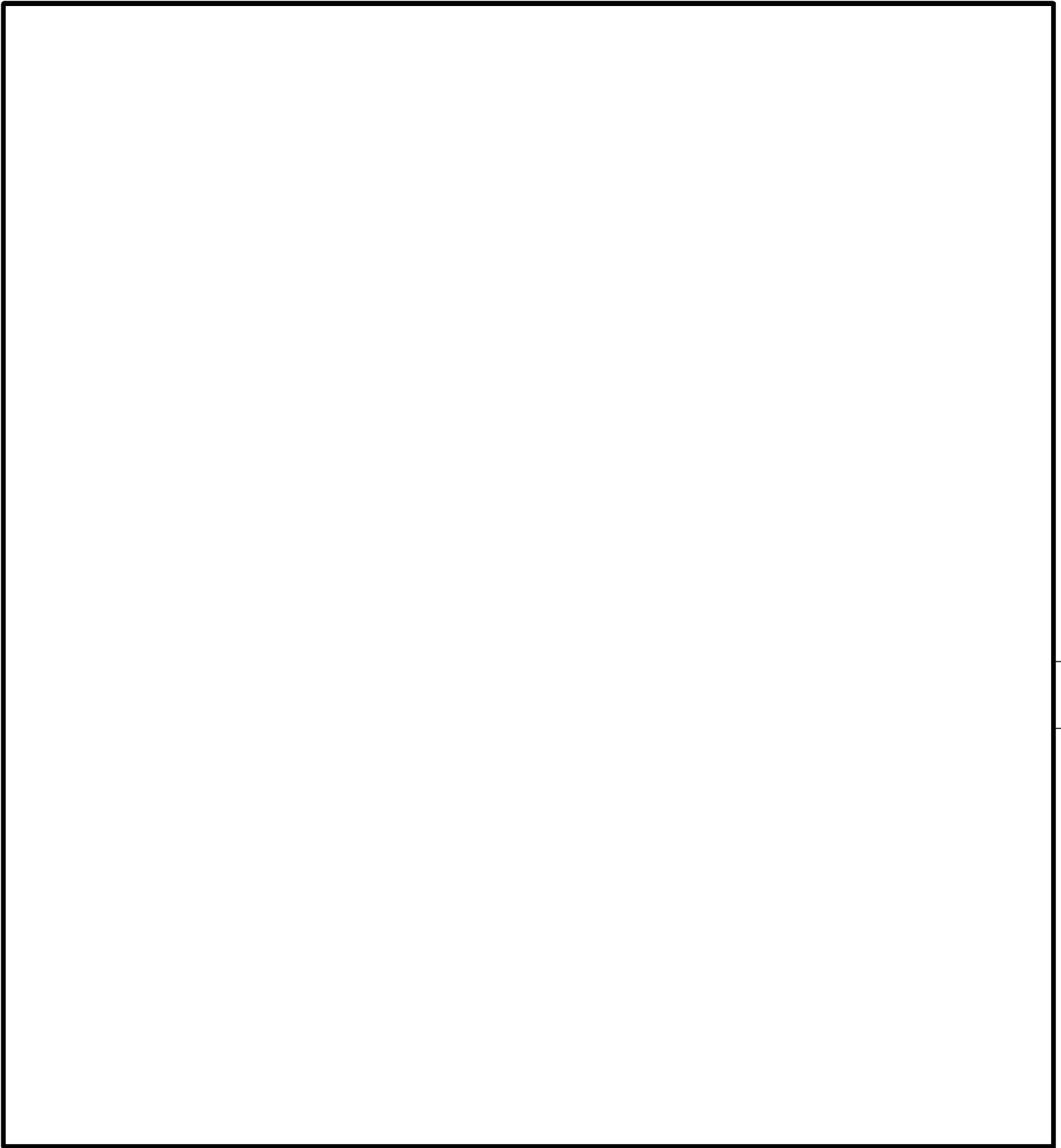
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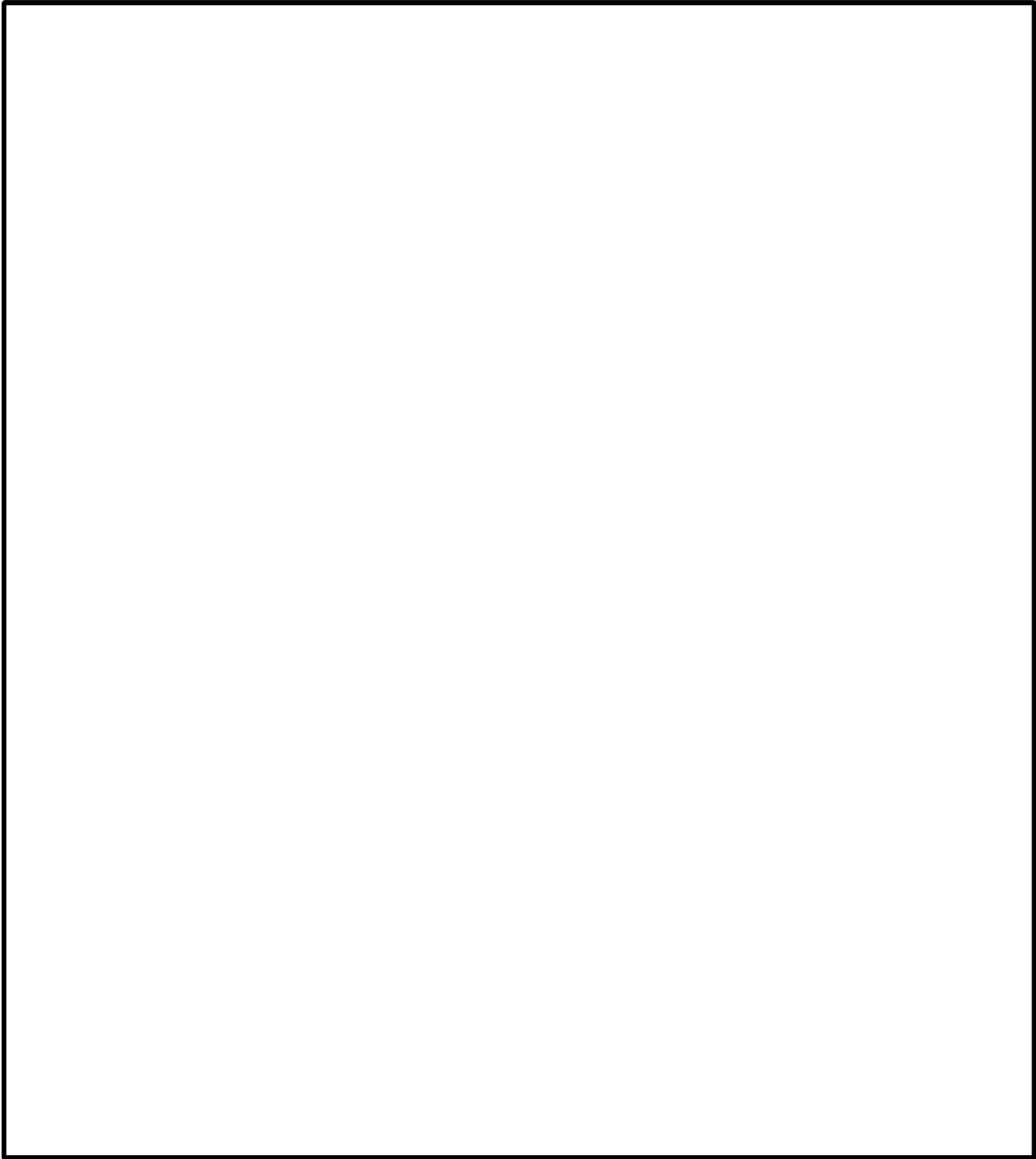
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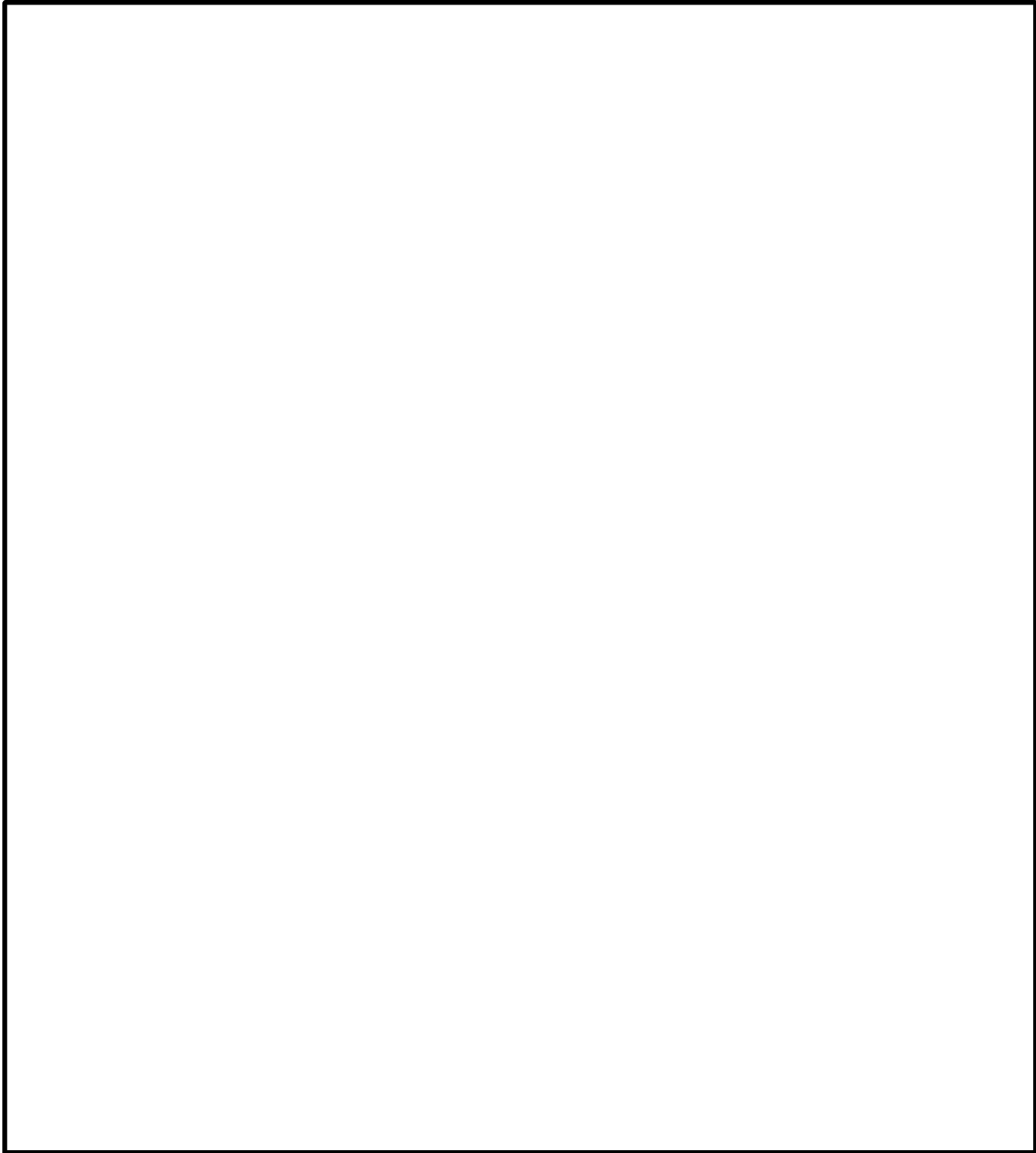
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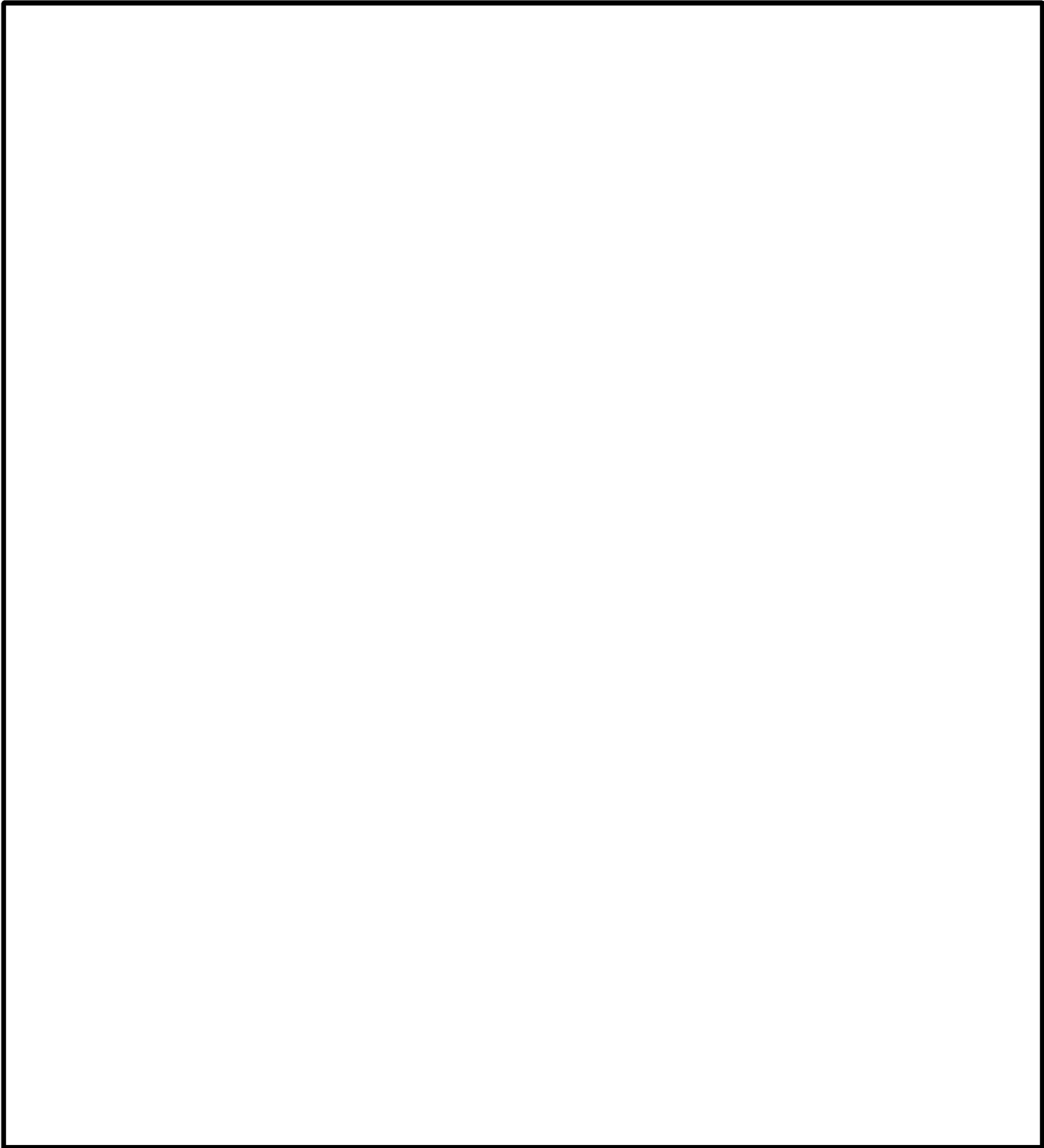
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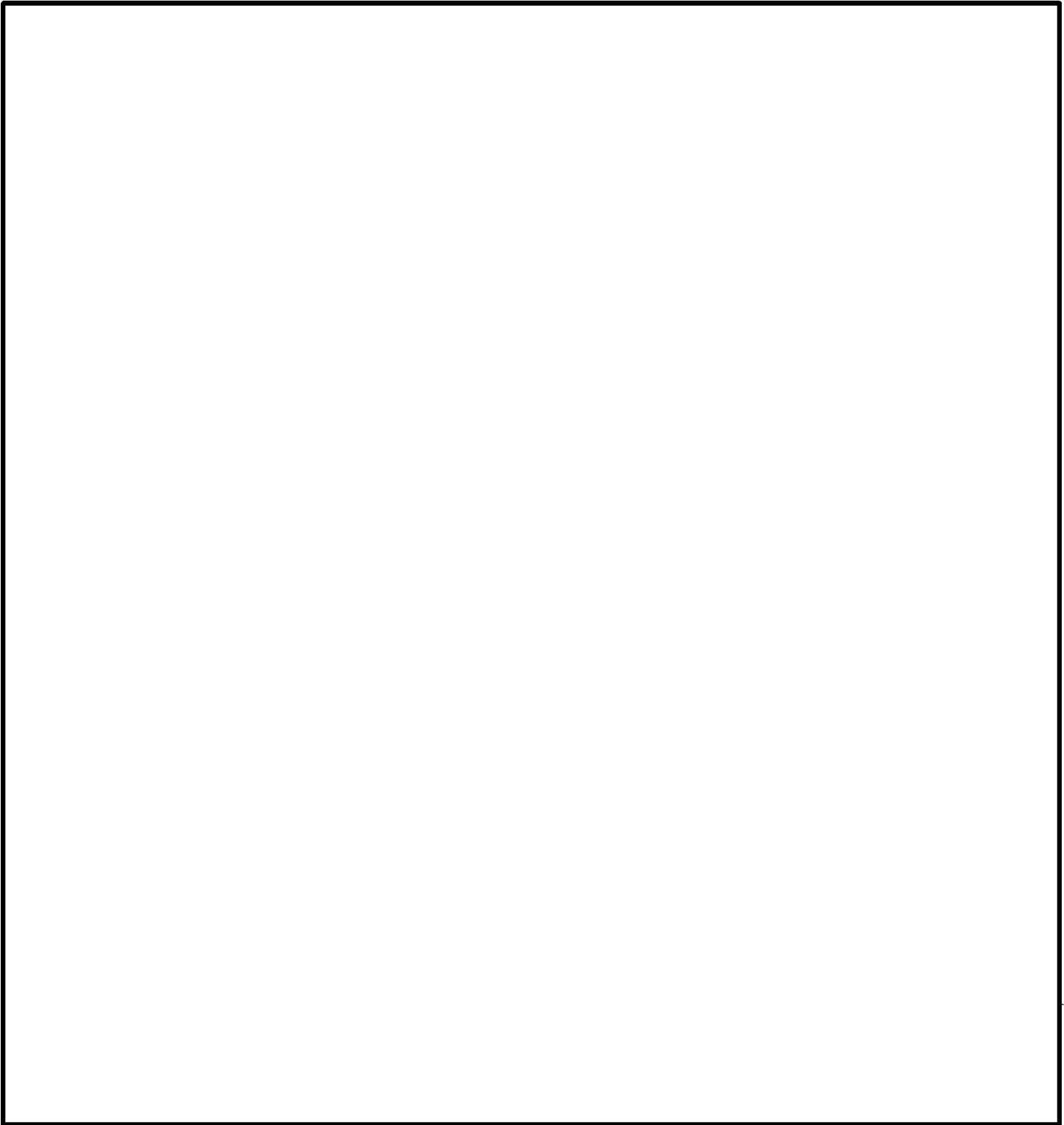
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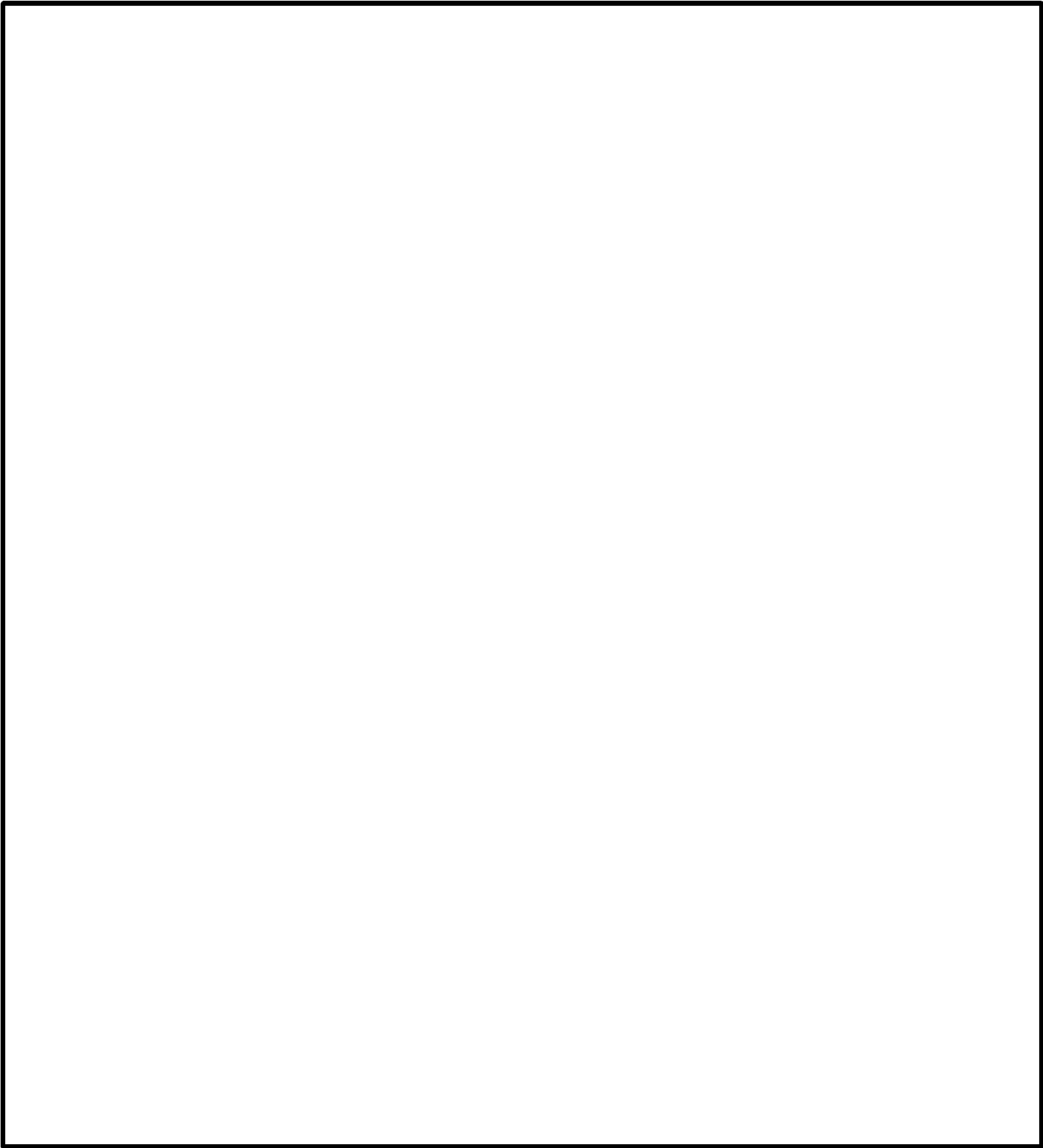
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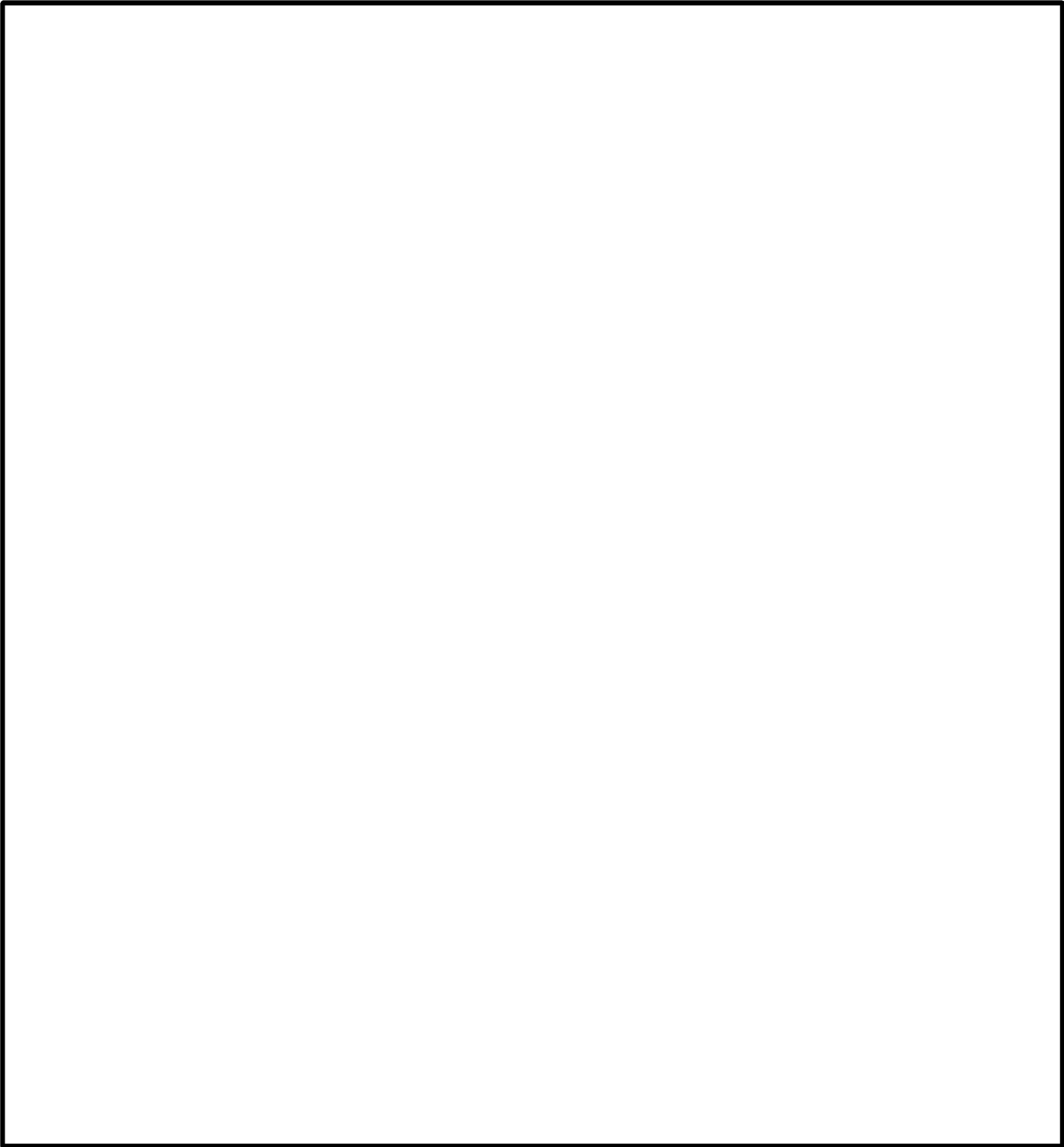
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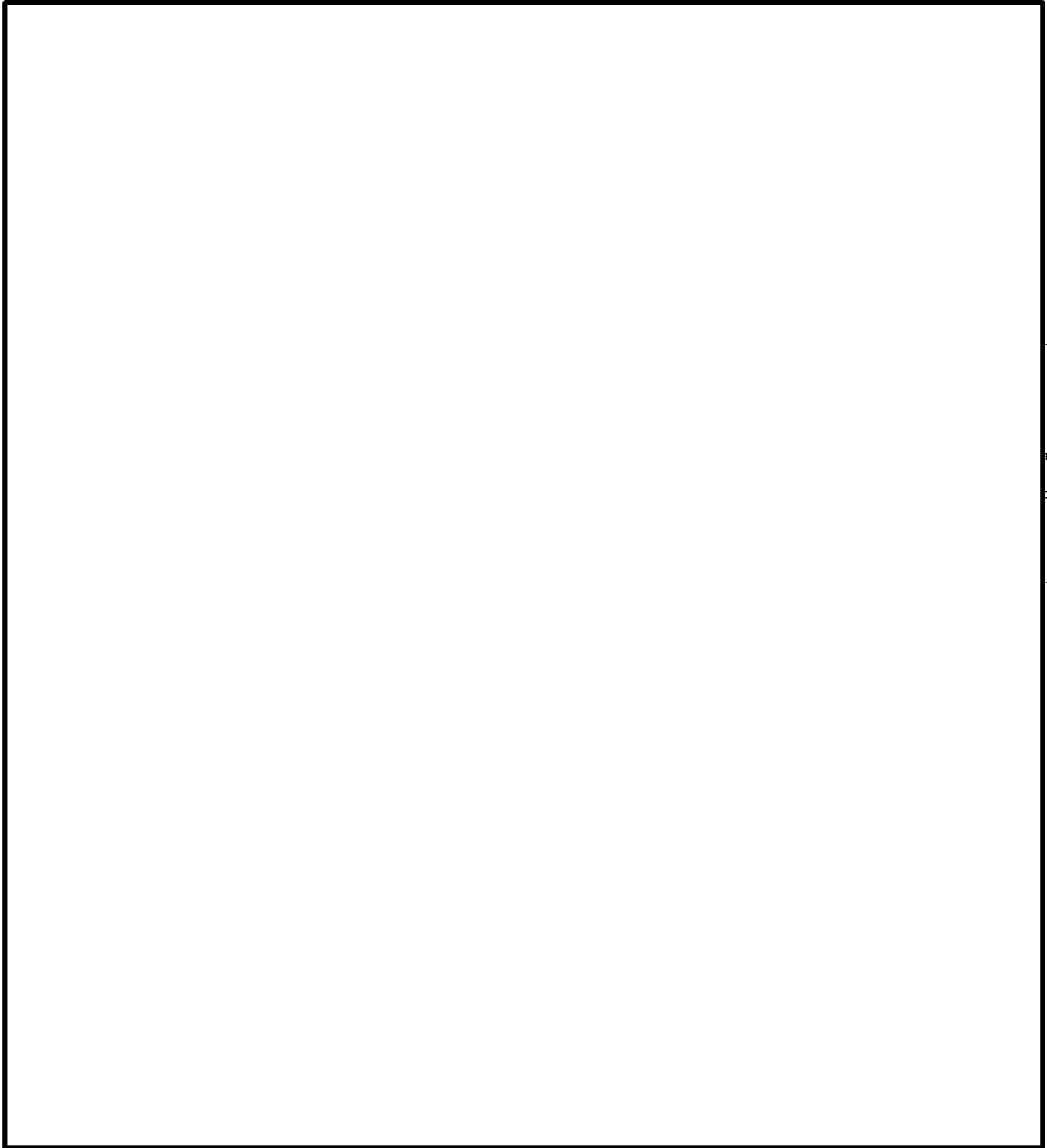
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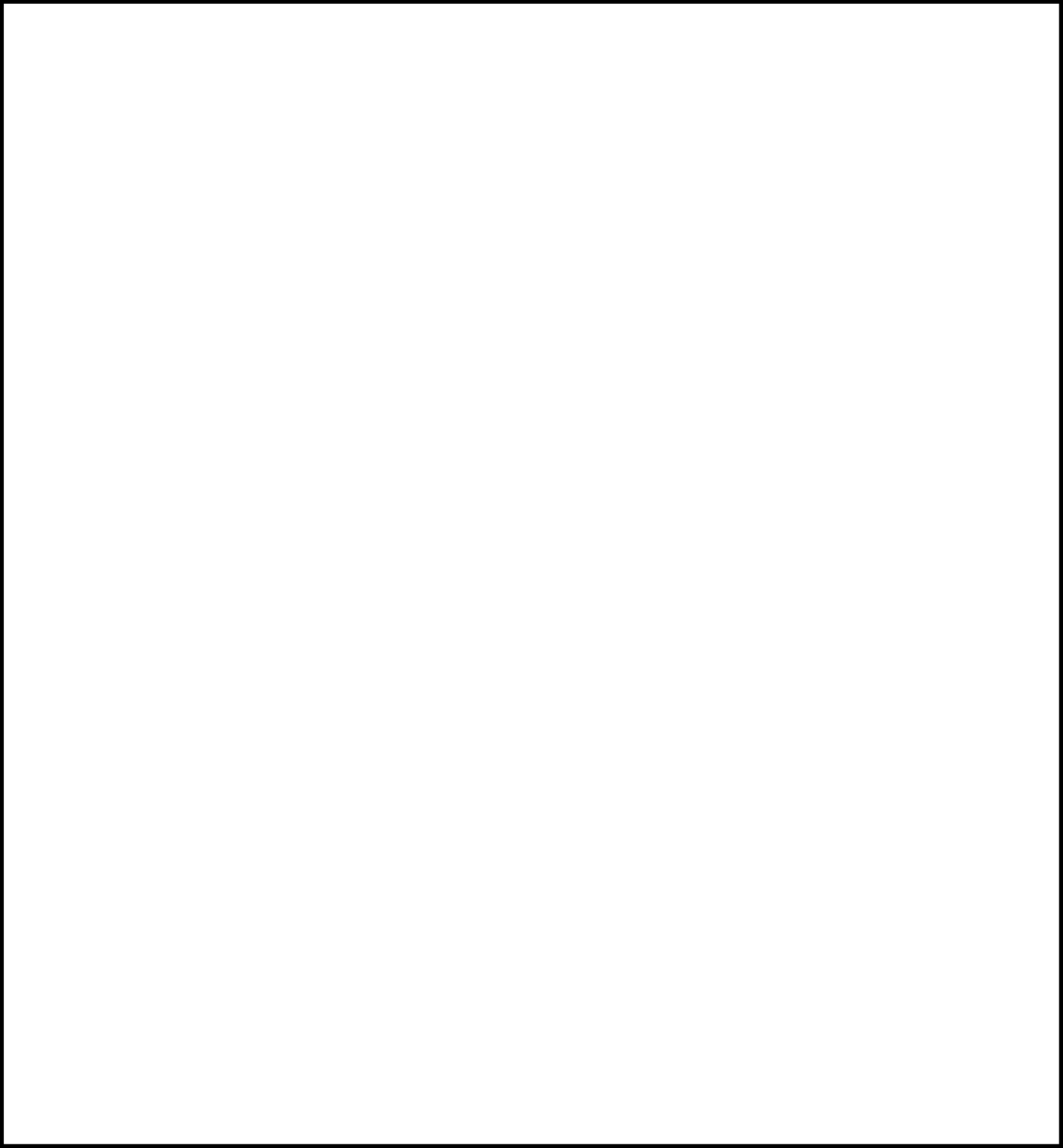
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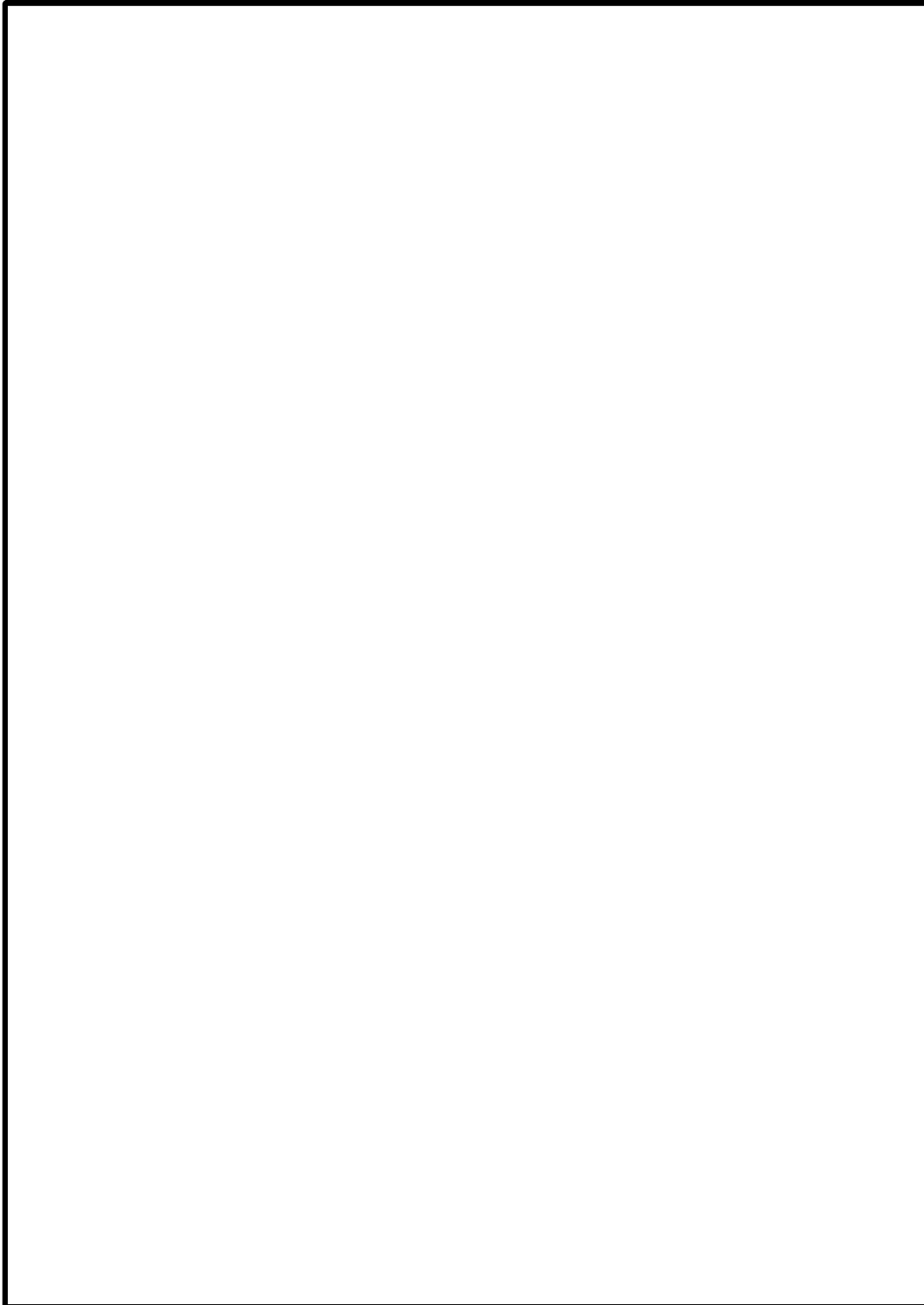
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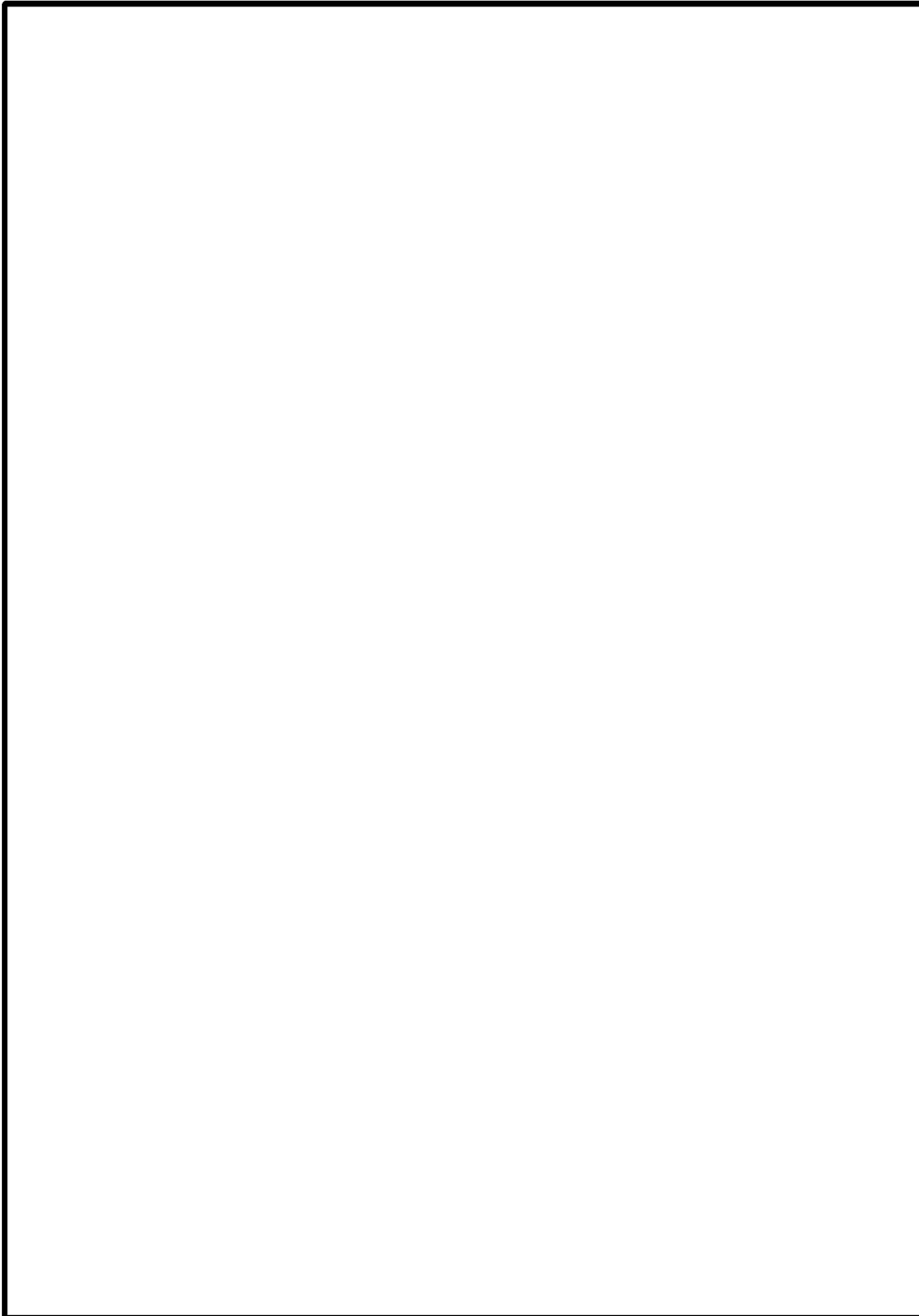
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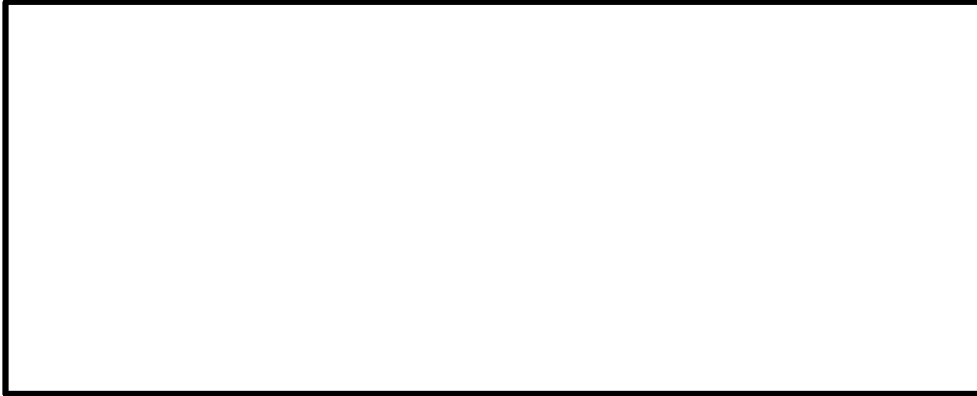
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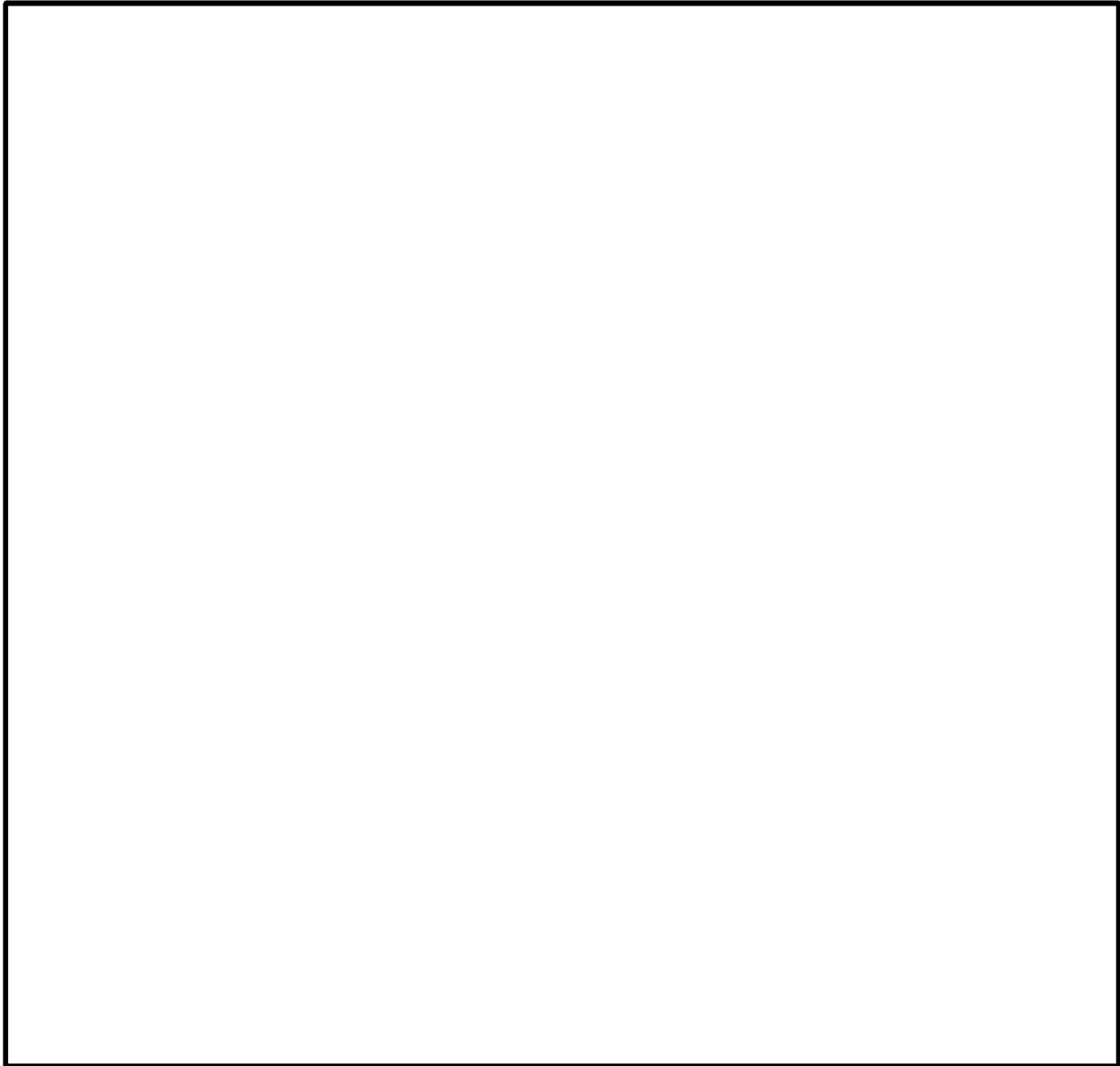
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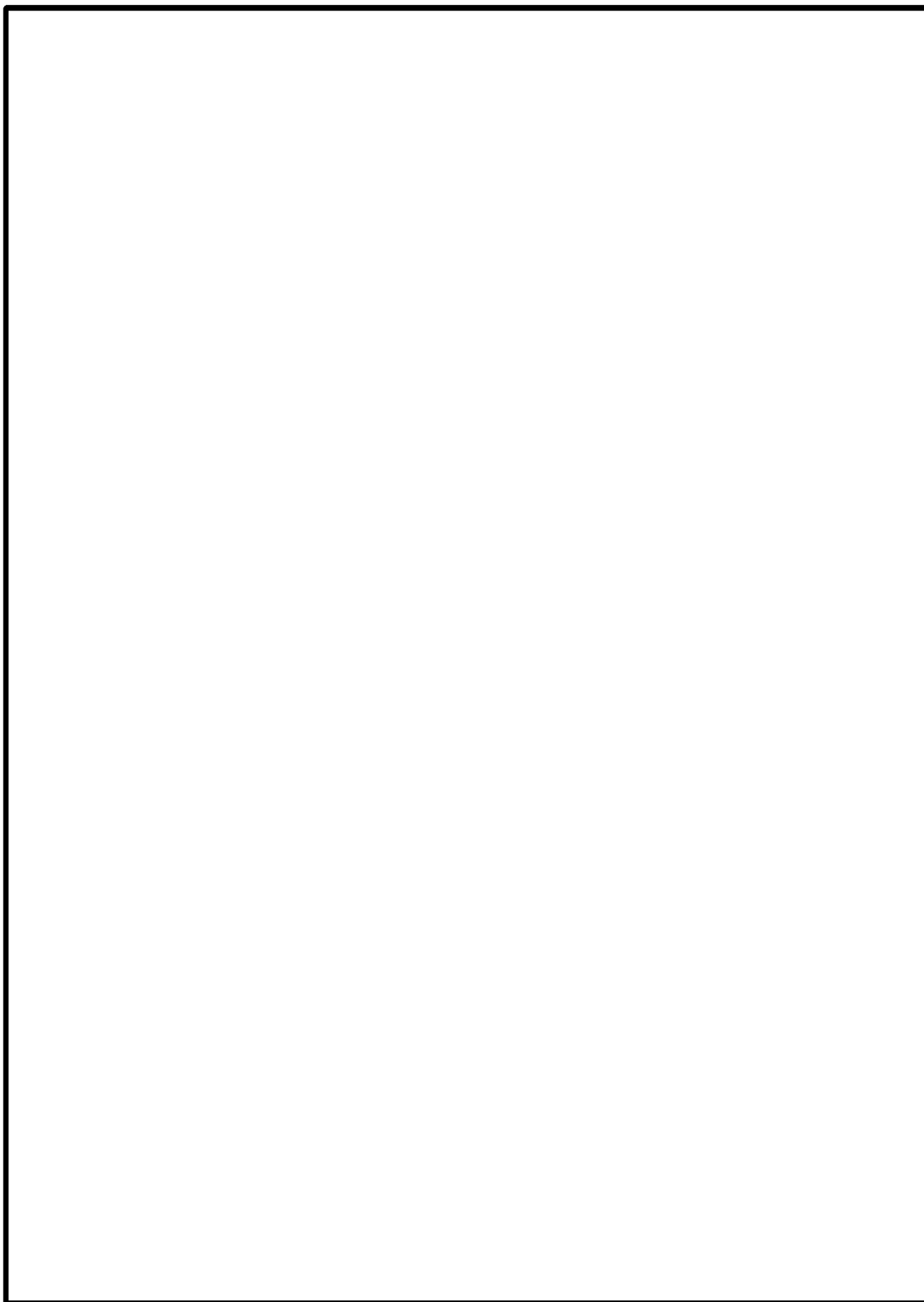
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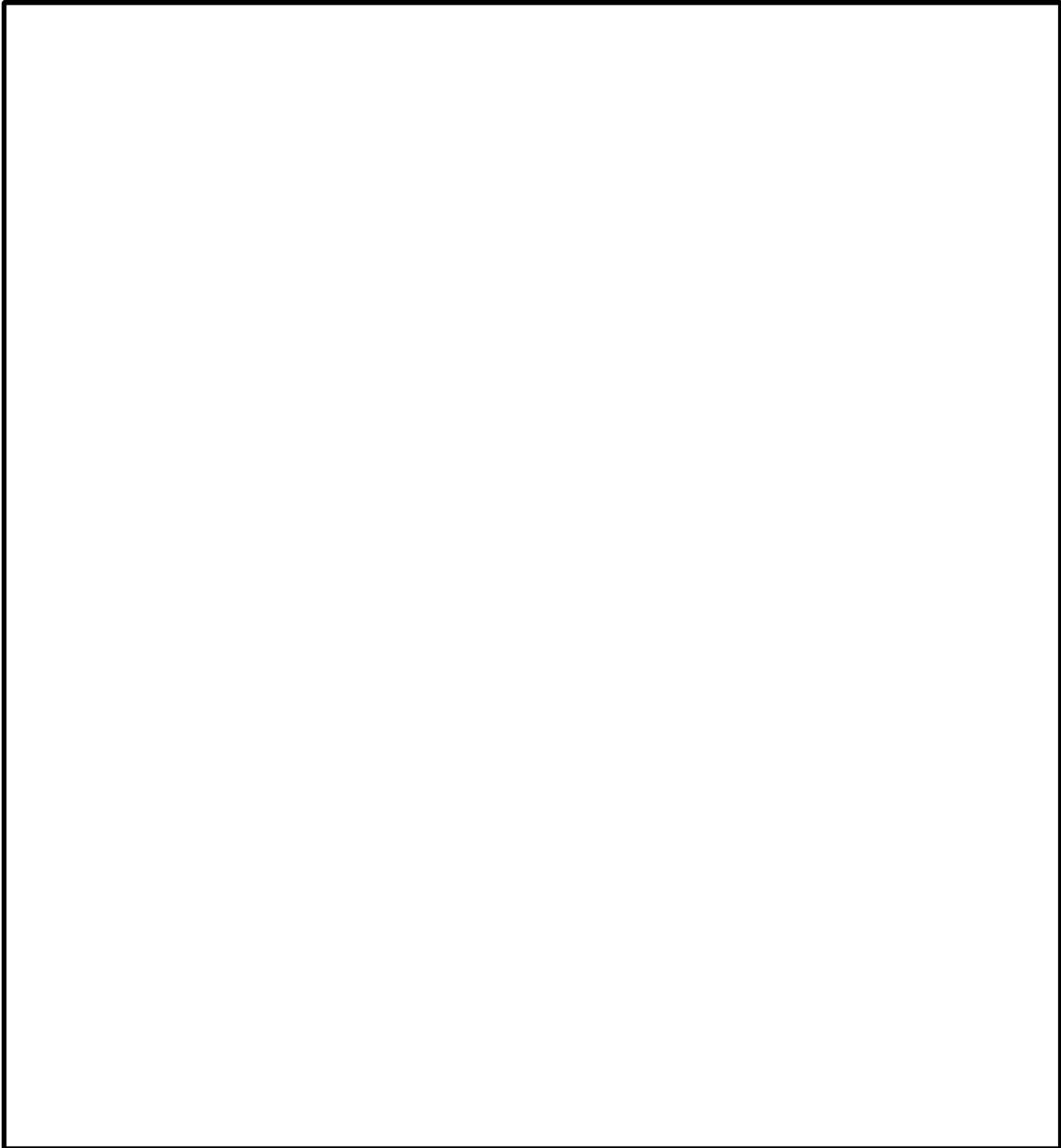
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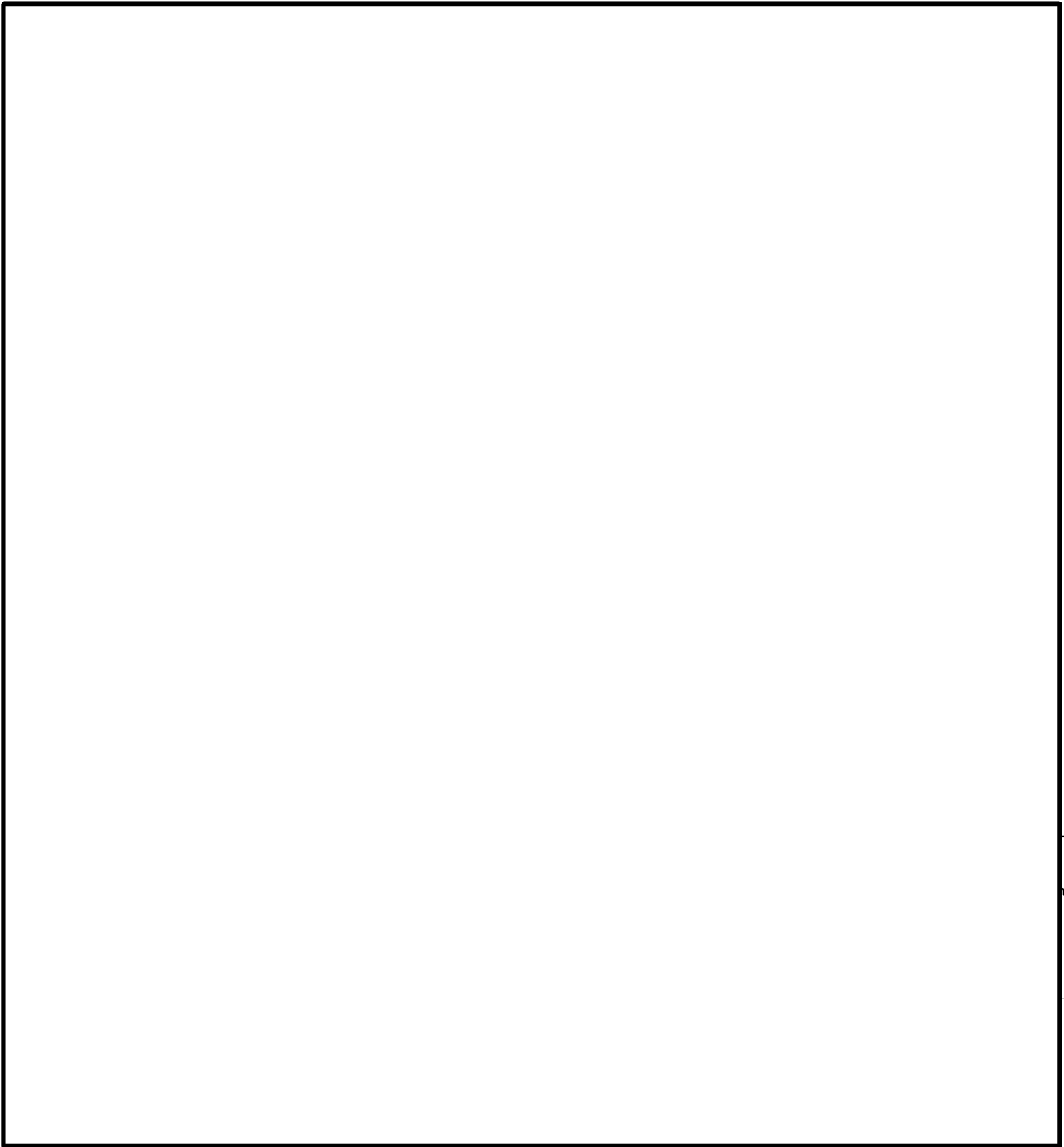
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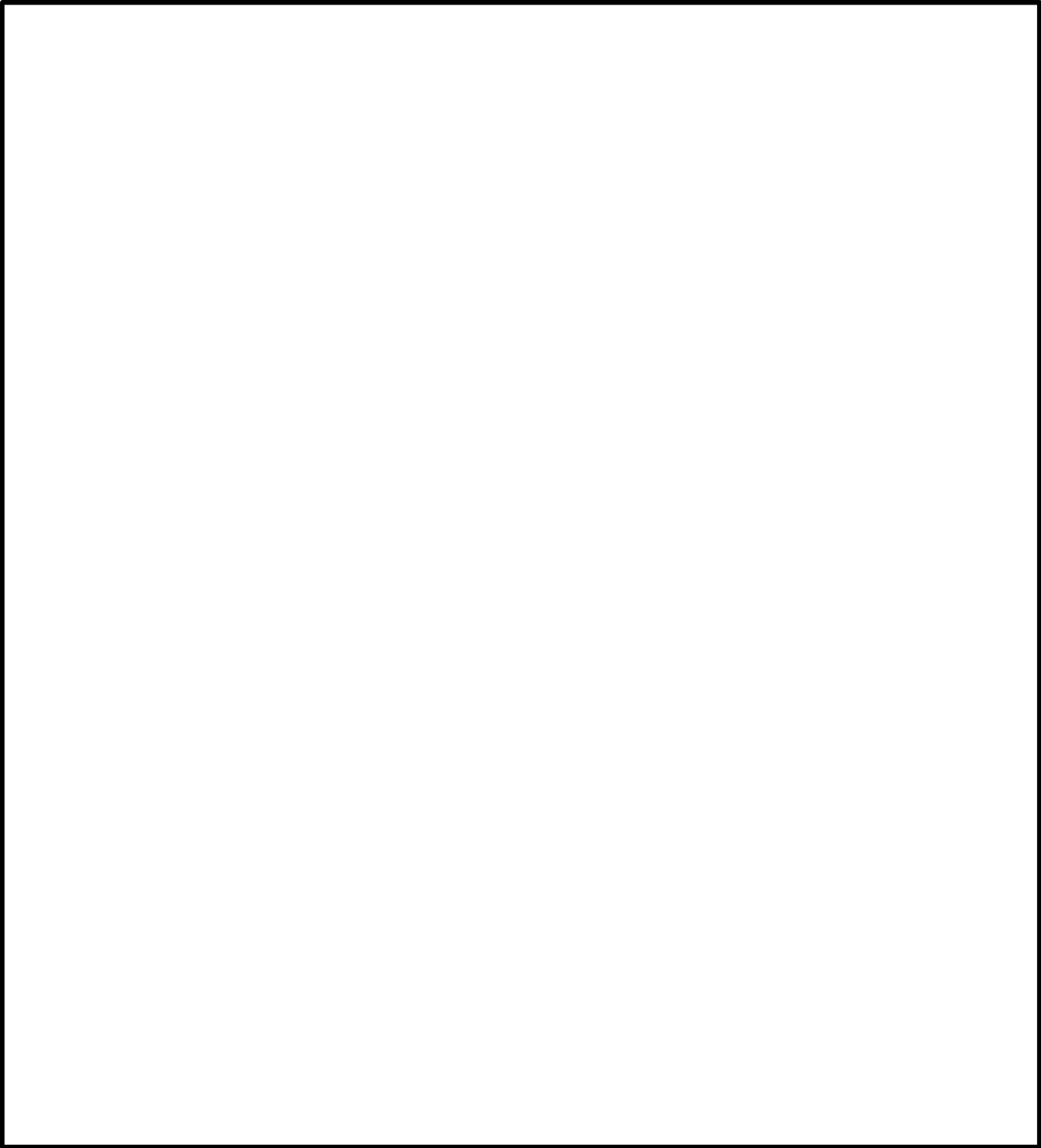
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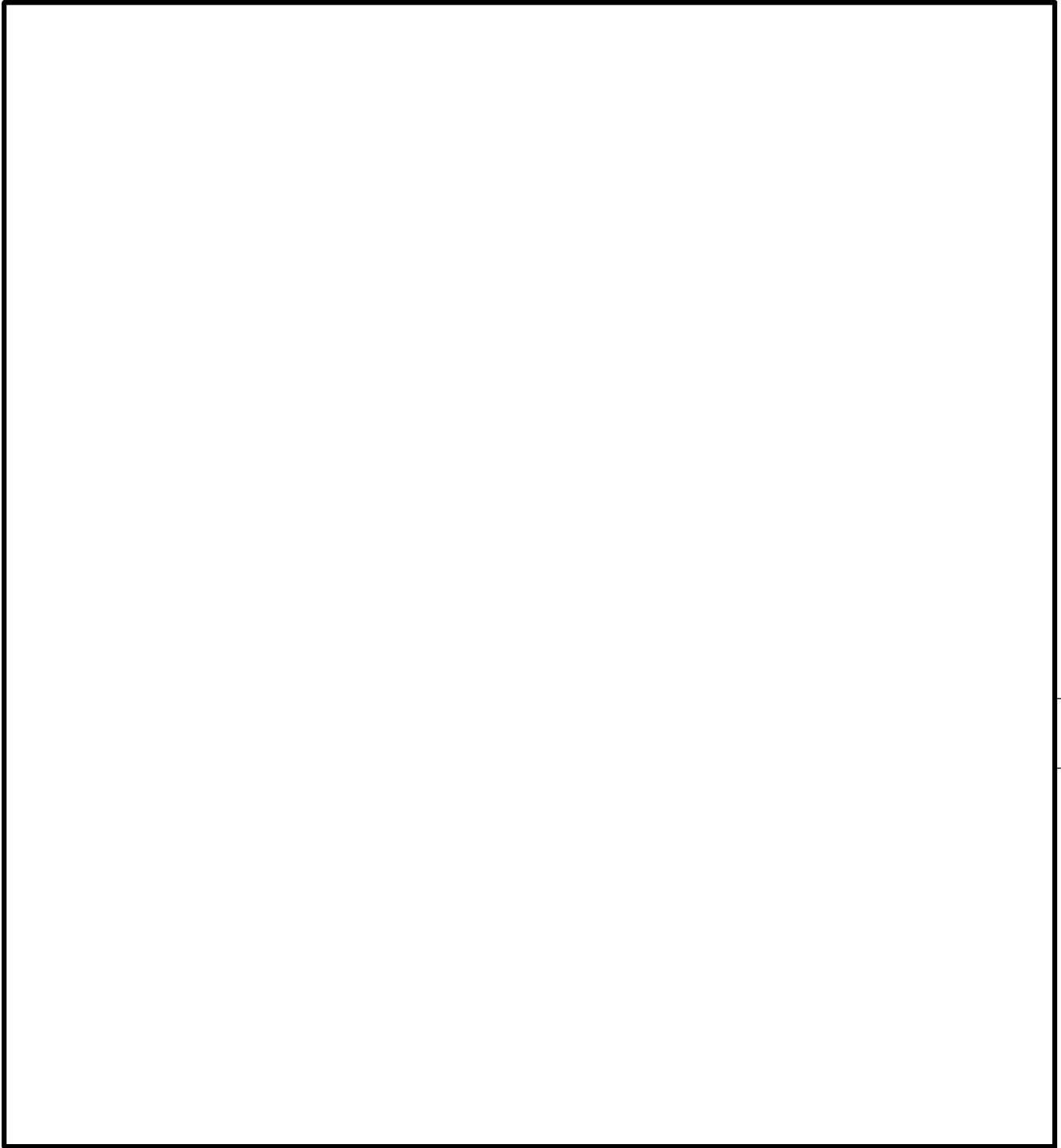
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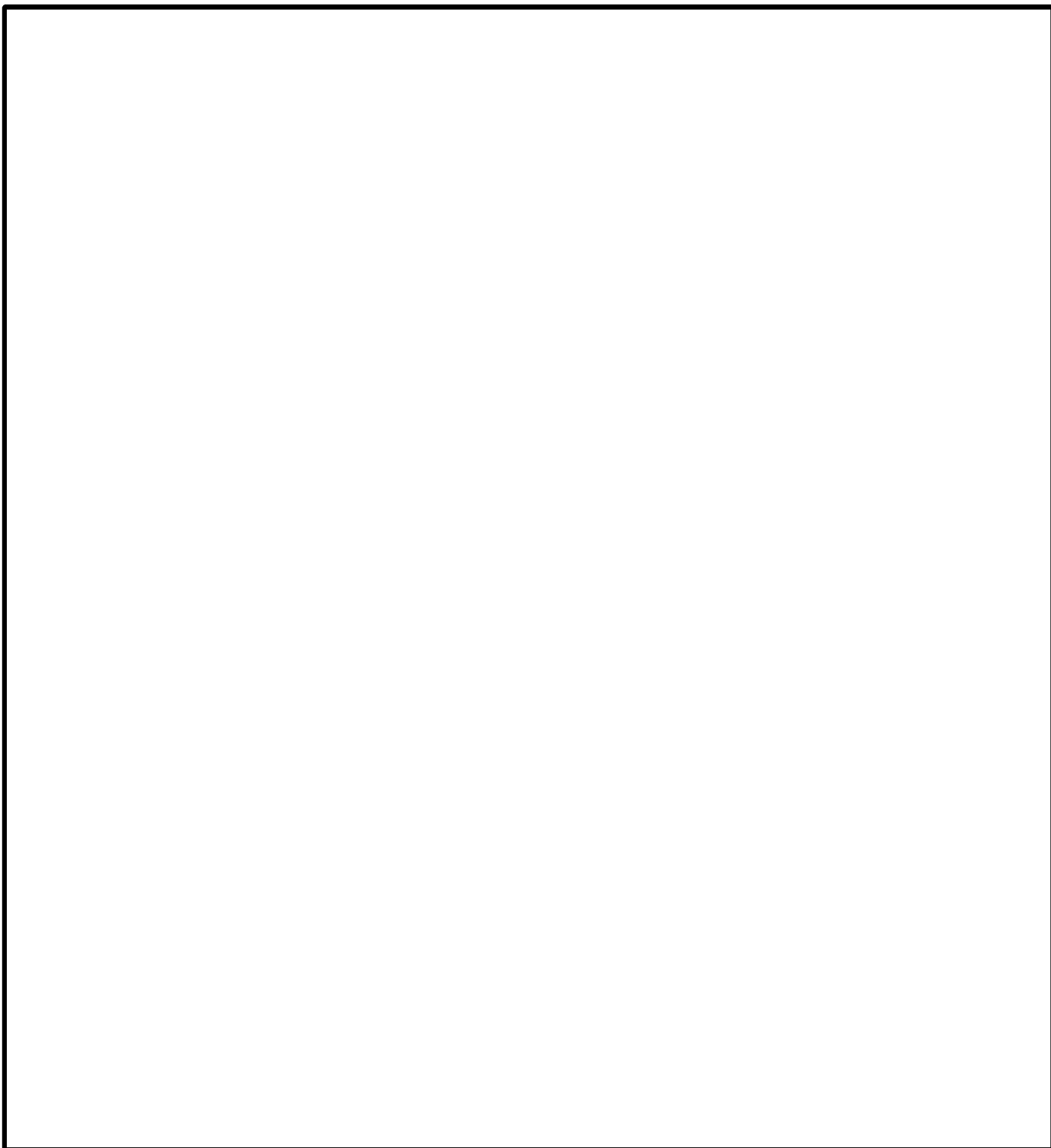
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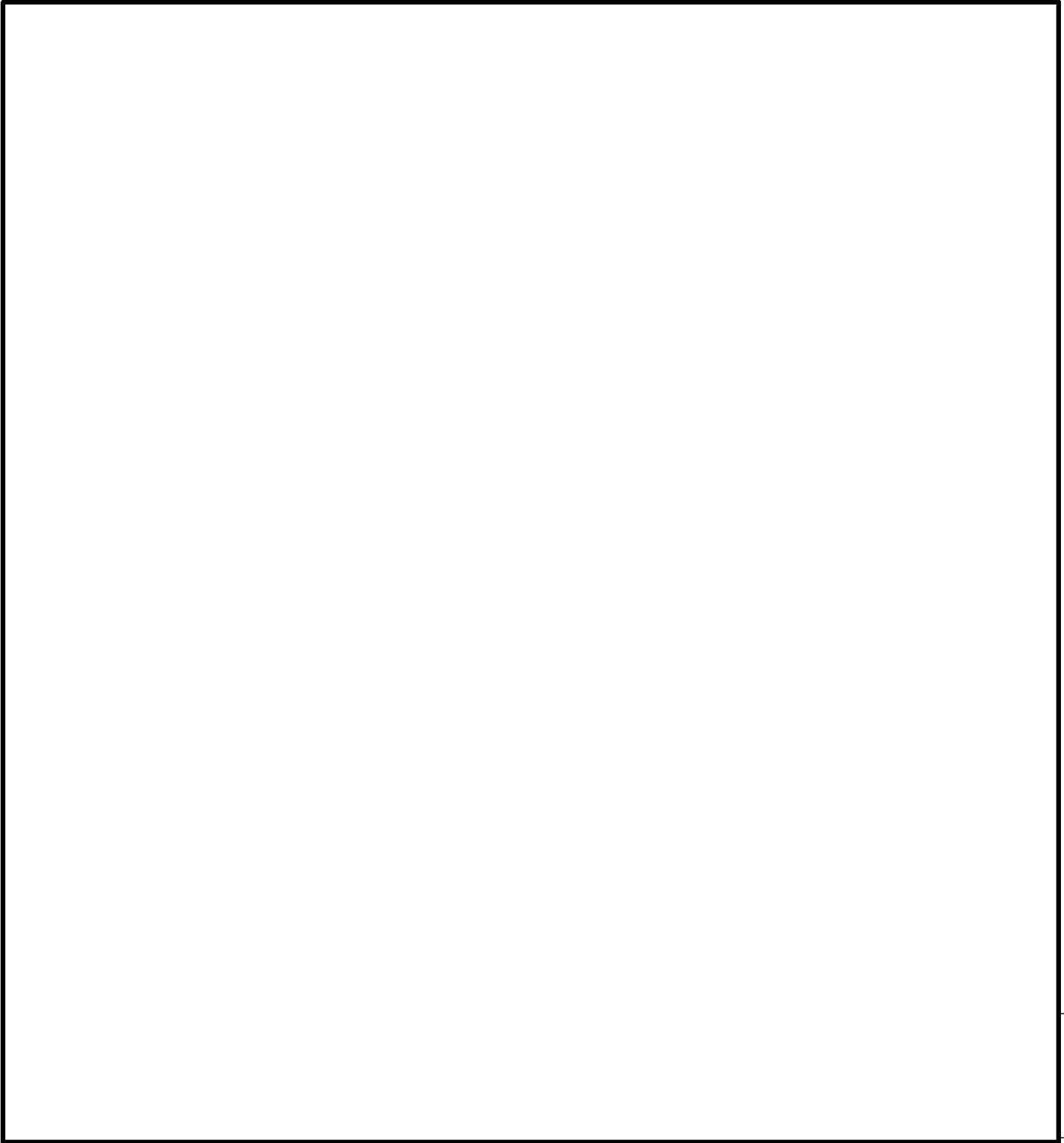
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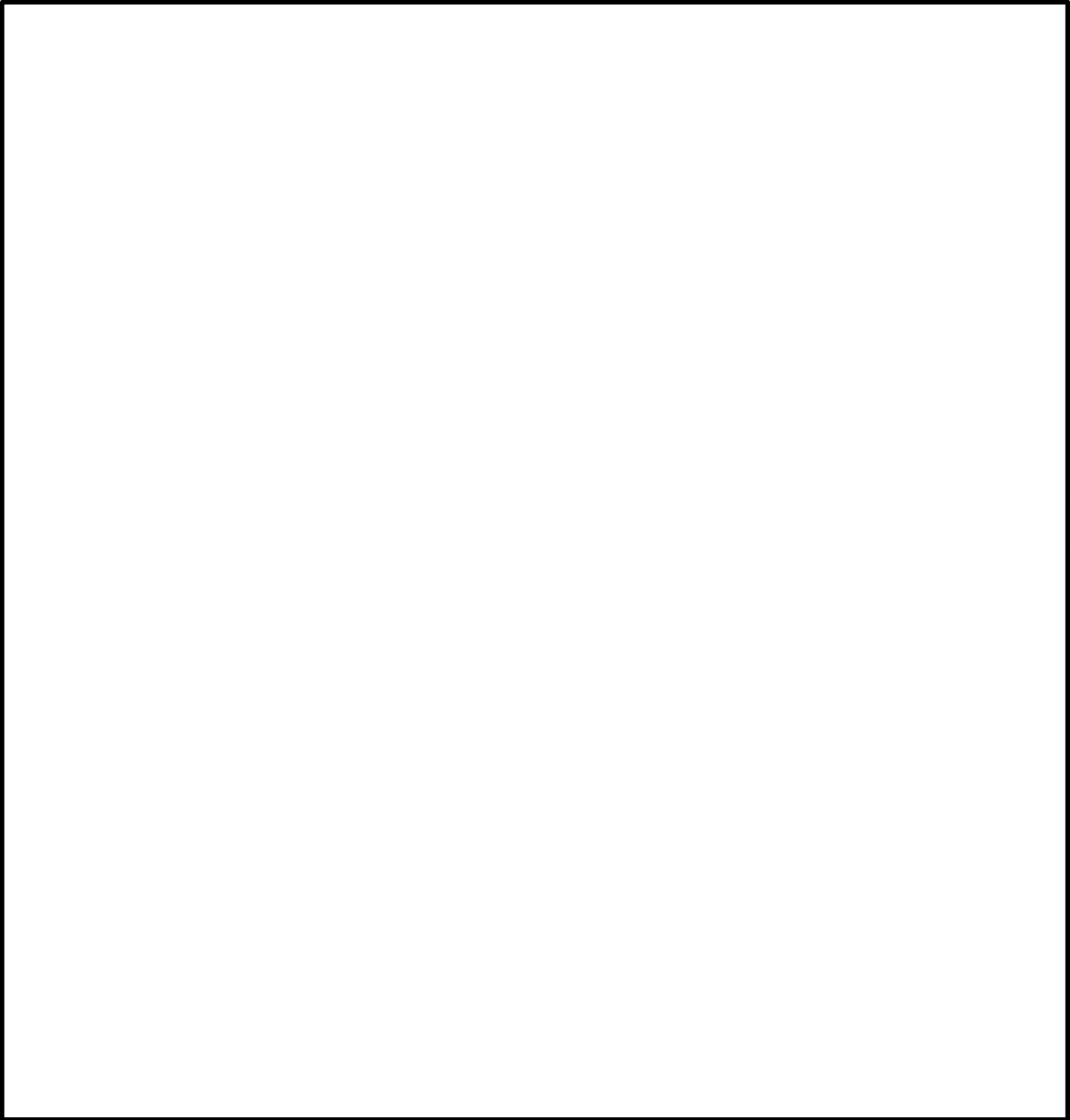
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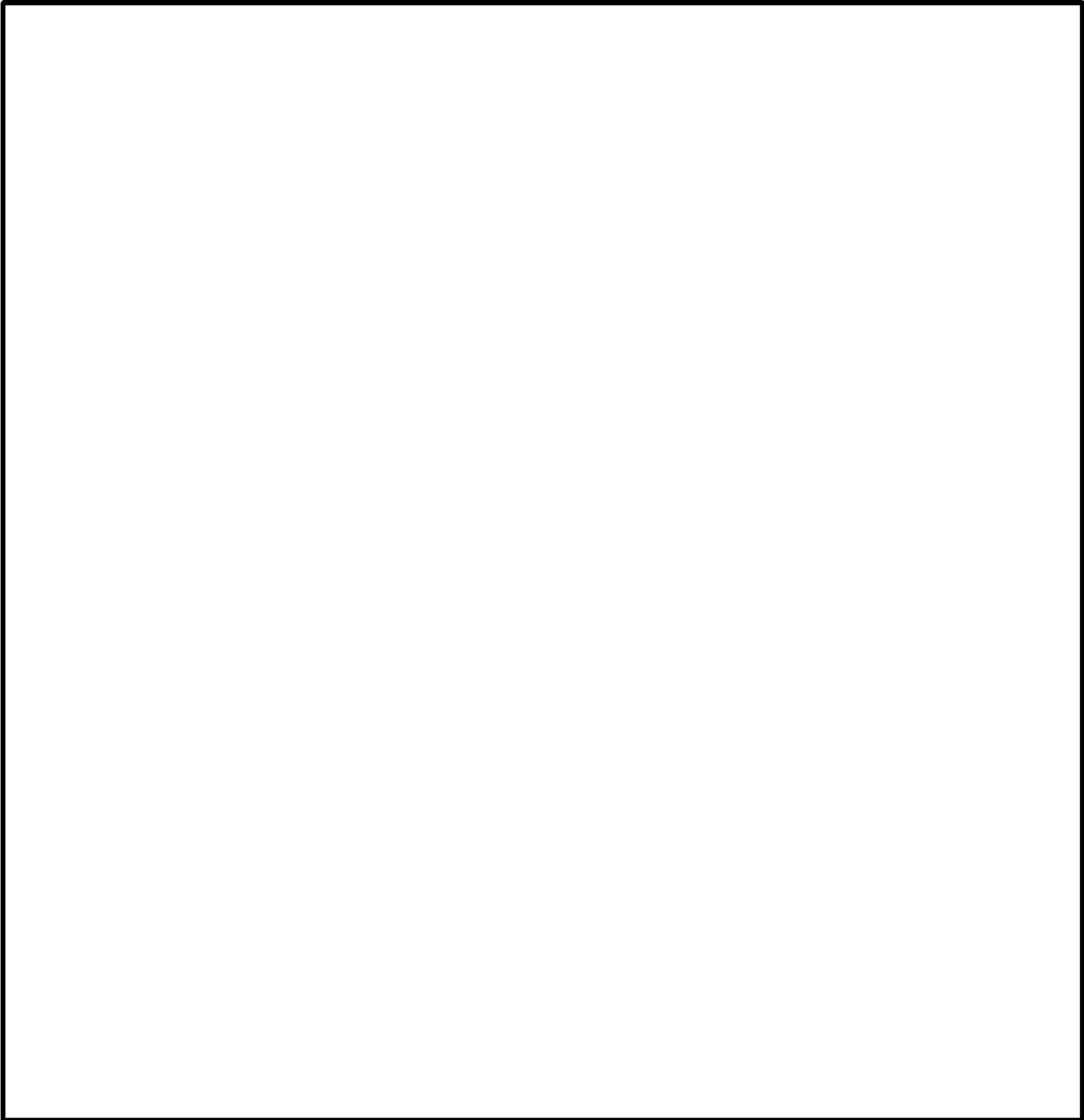
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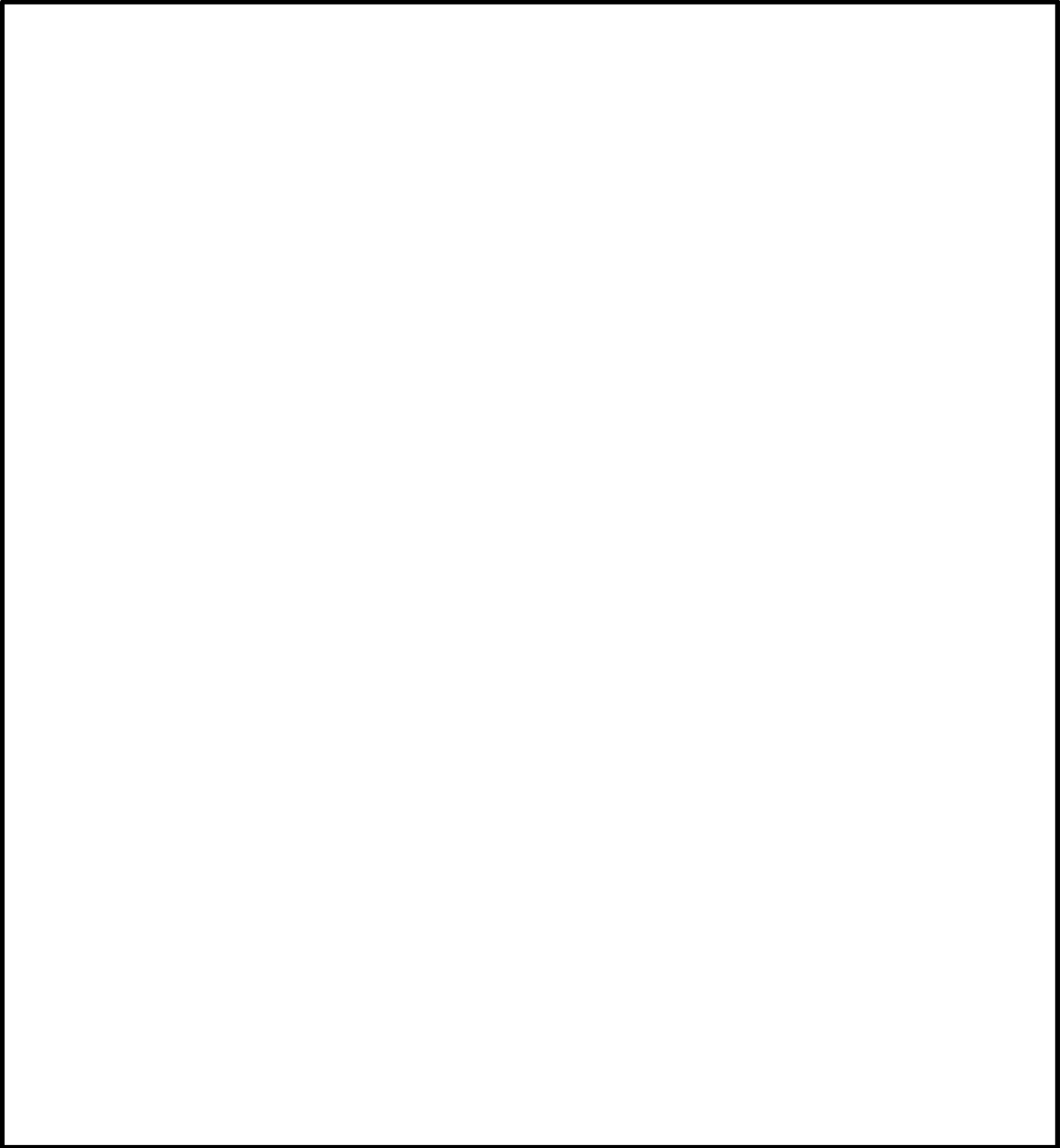
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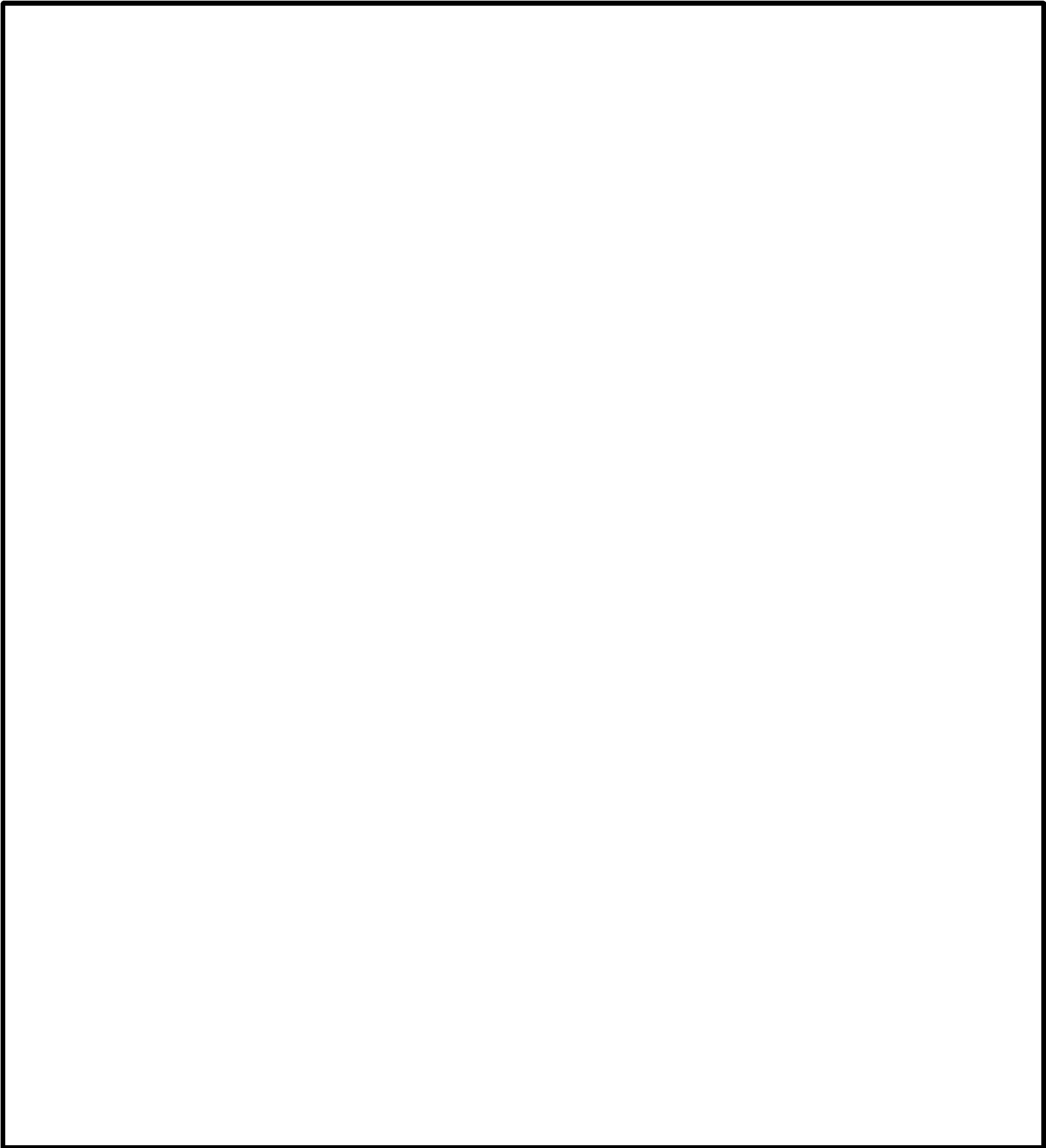
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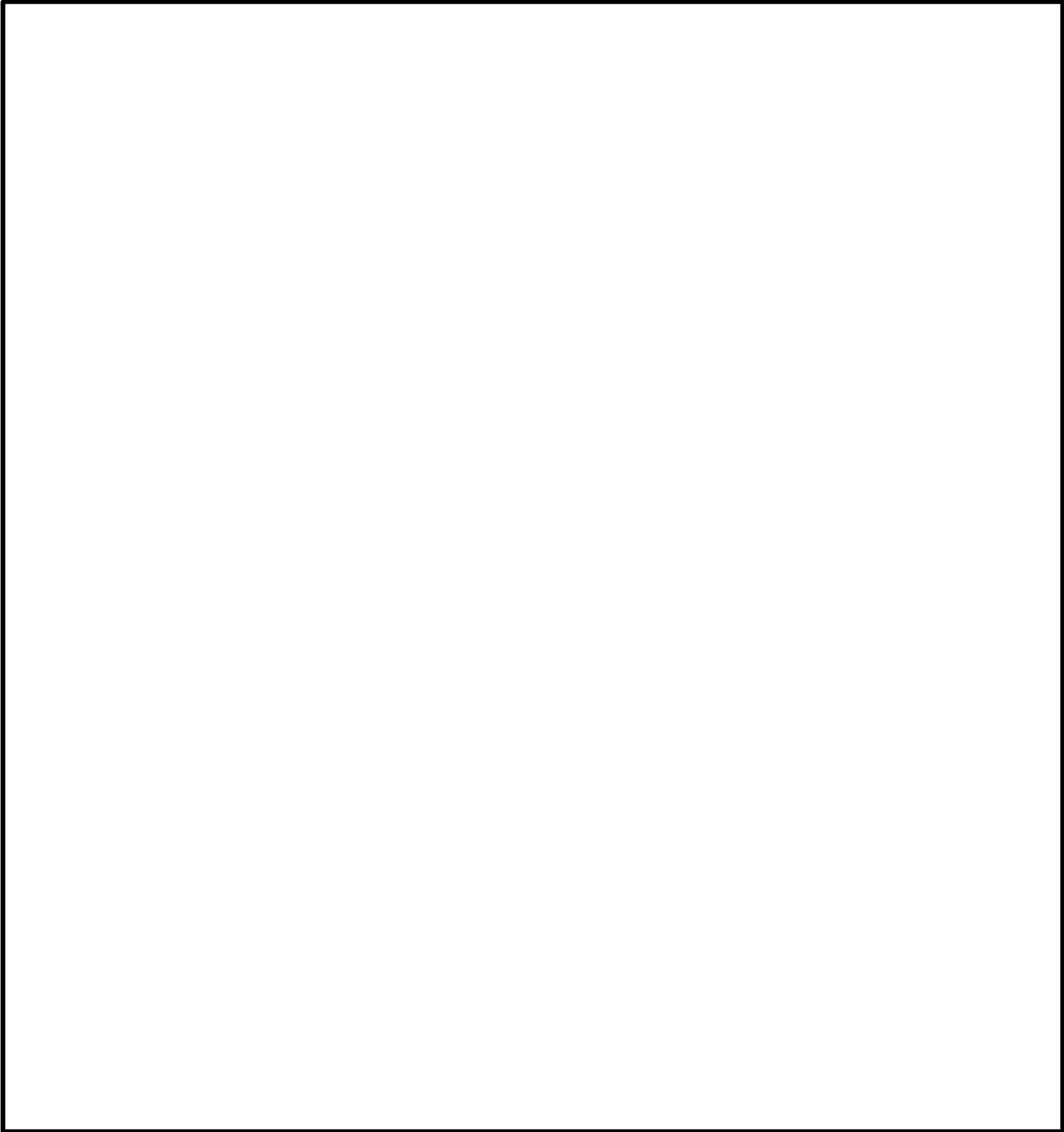
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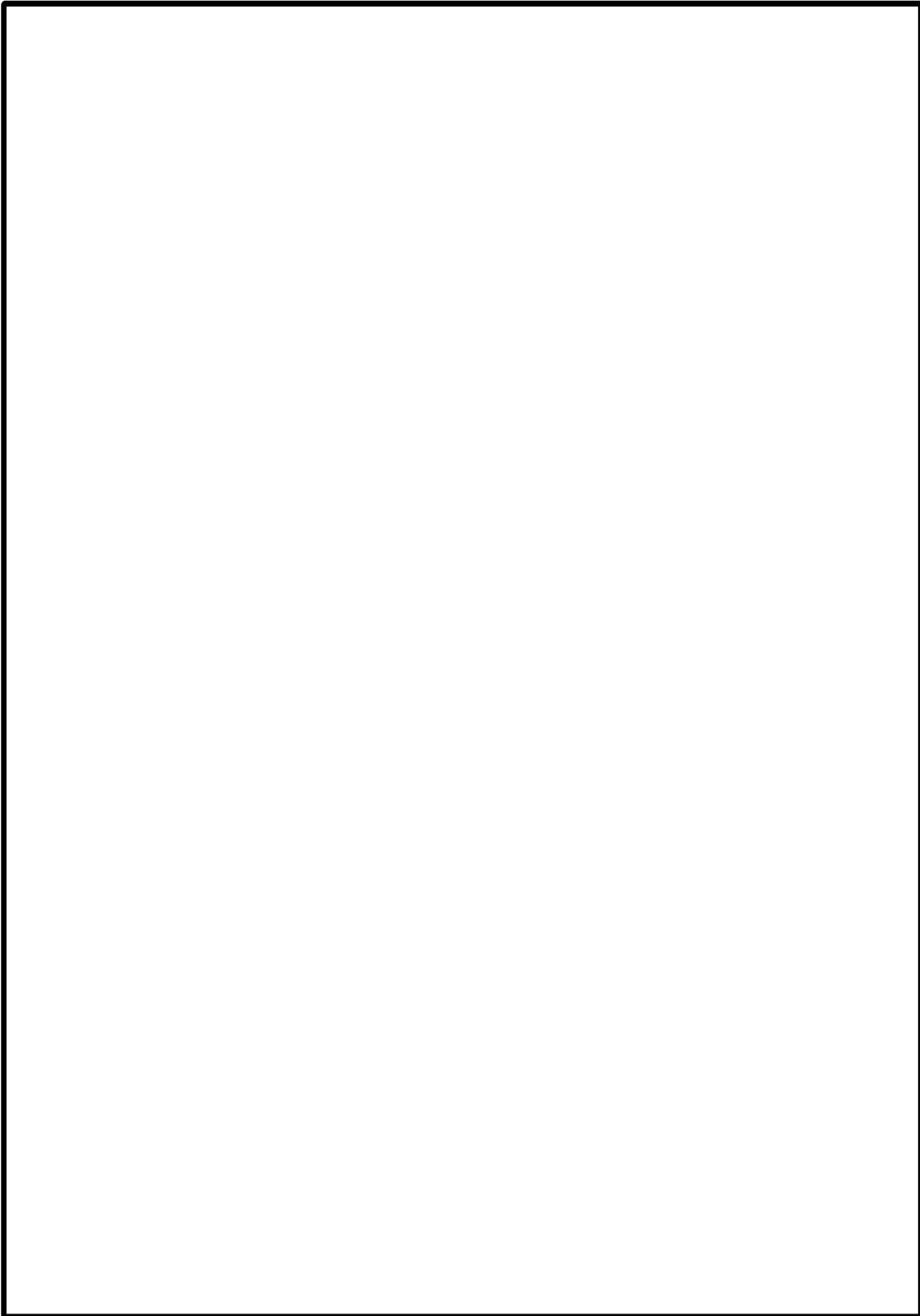
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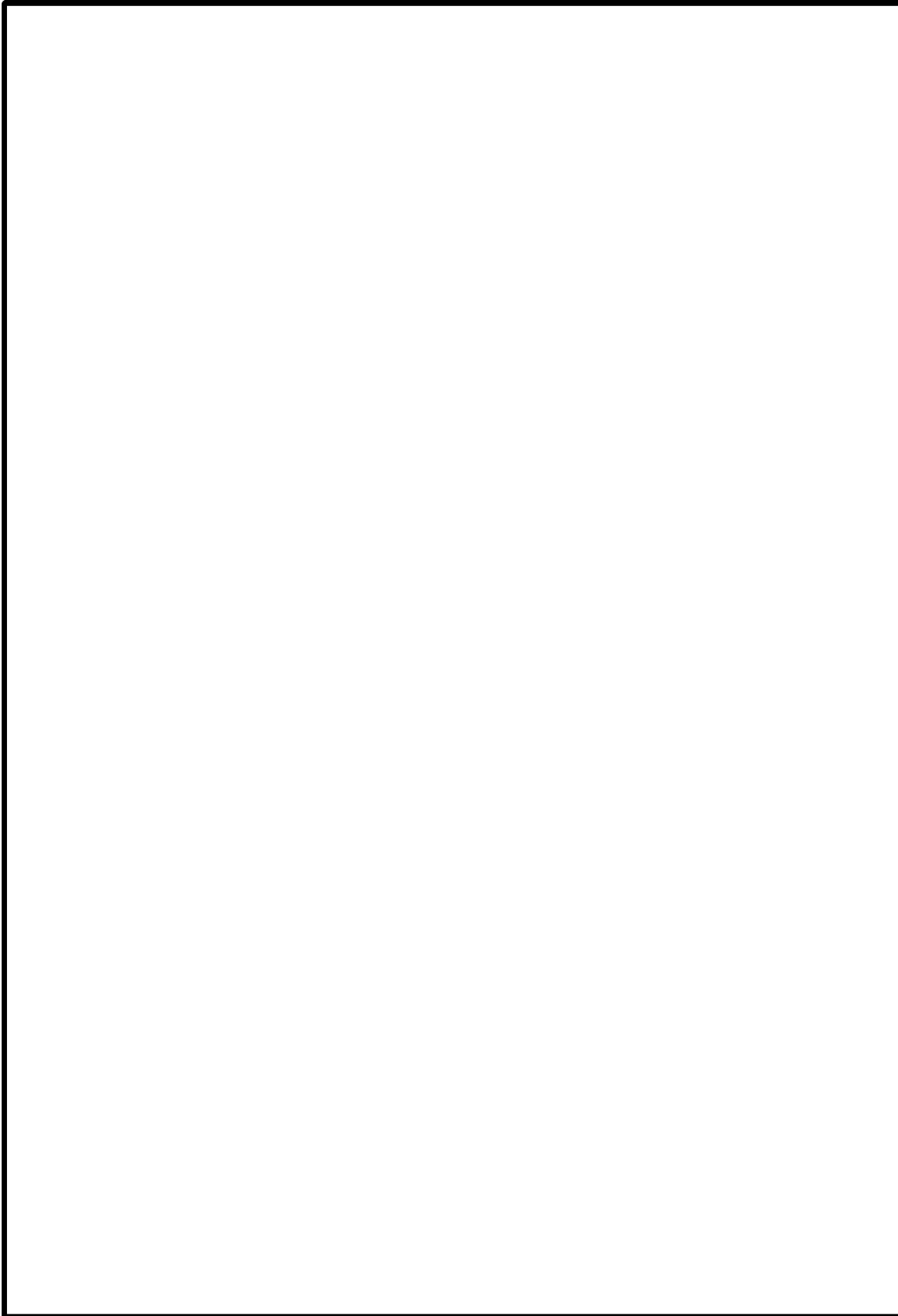
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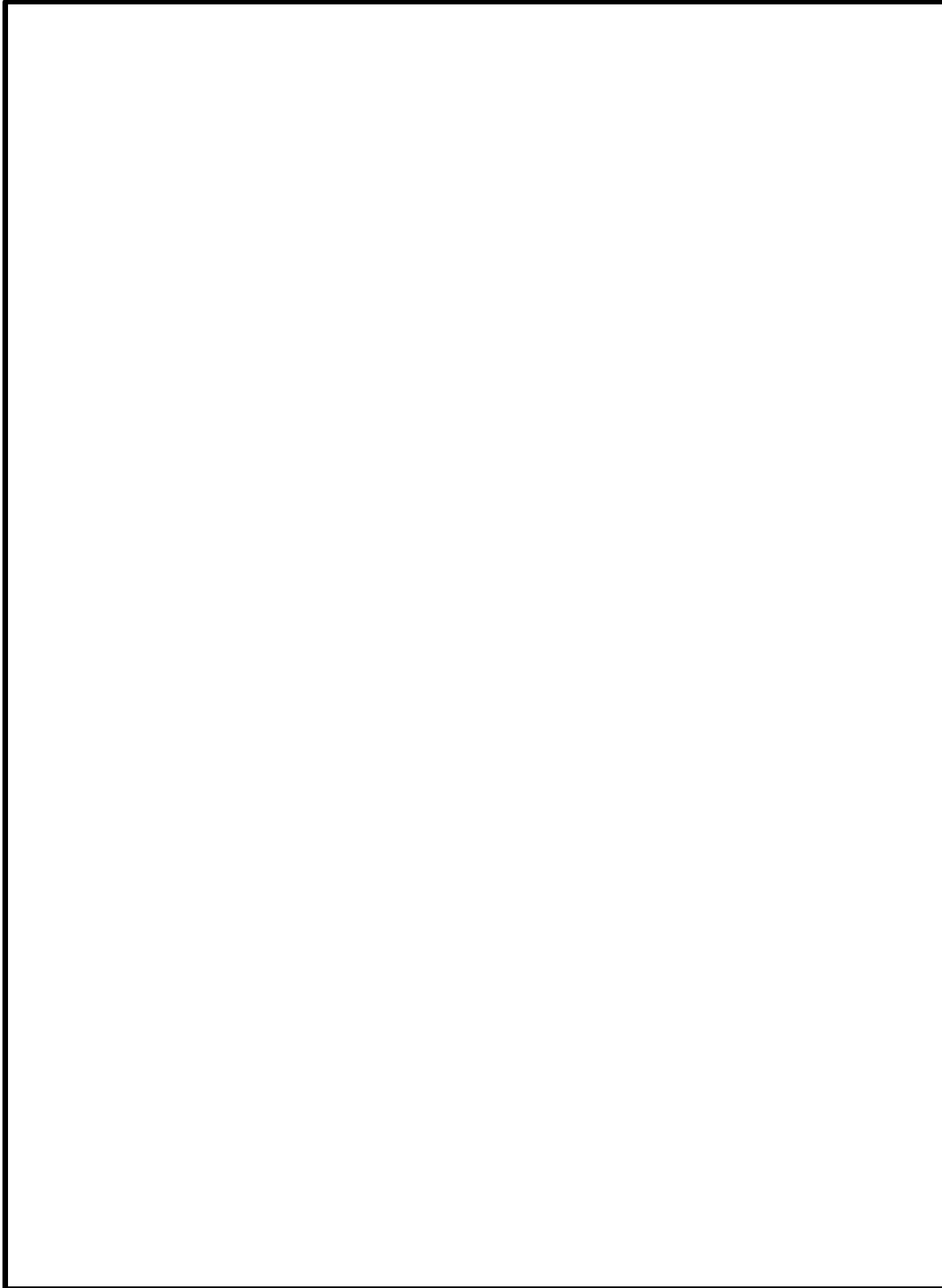
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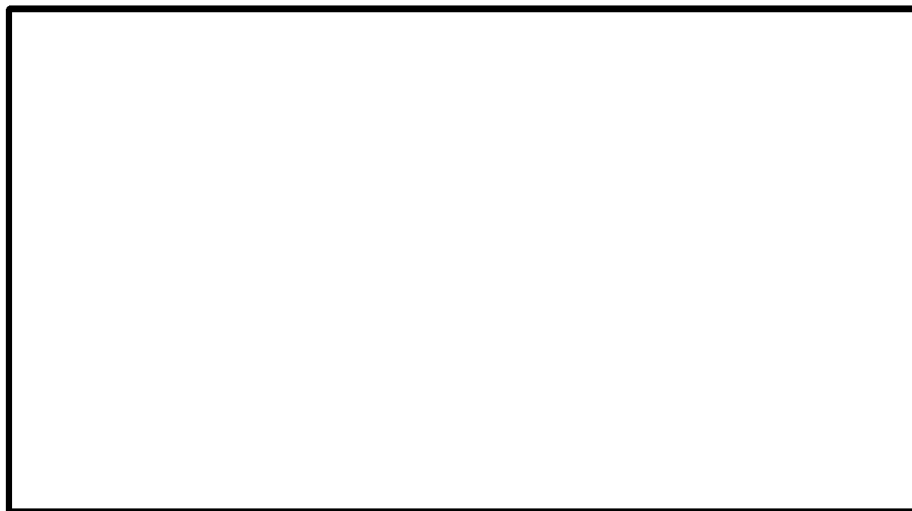
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1. DACA Communications Strategy
  - a. Communications plan status?
  - b. Tweets – how can we gauge effectiveness?
2. Other key expected communications packages this month?
3. Social Media Strategy
  - a. What is the status of a dedicated staff member to monitor social media and regular reporting on the same?
  - b. What is the status of the YouTube channel development?
  - c. What is the status of the Facebook Live effort with FOD and DHS OPA?
4. Other Communications Strategies Update
  - a. Feedback/suggestions AD1 internal communications strategy
  - b. Foreign language platform strategy for AD1
5. National Archives Naturalization Ceremony
  - a. What went as planned?
  - b. What did not go as planned?
  - c. What can OCOMM do differently for future events?
6. Is there anything that you would like to discuss?
7. Counseling Session #2

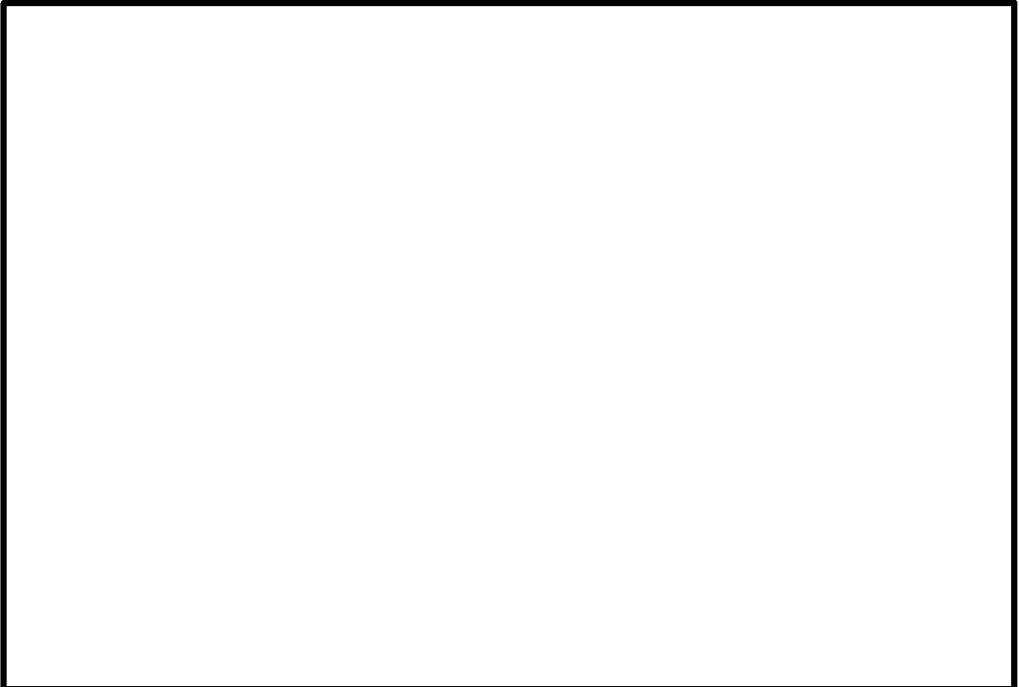




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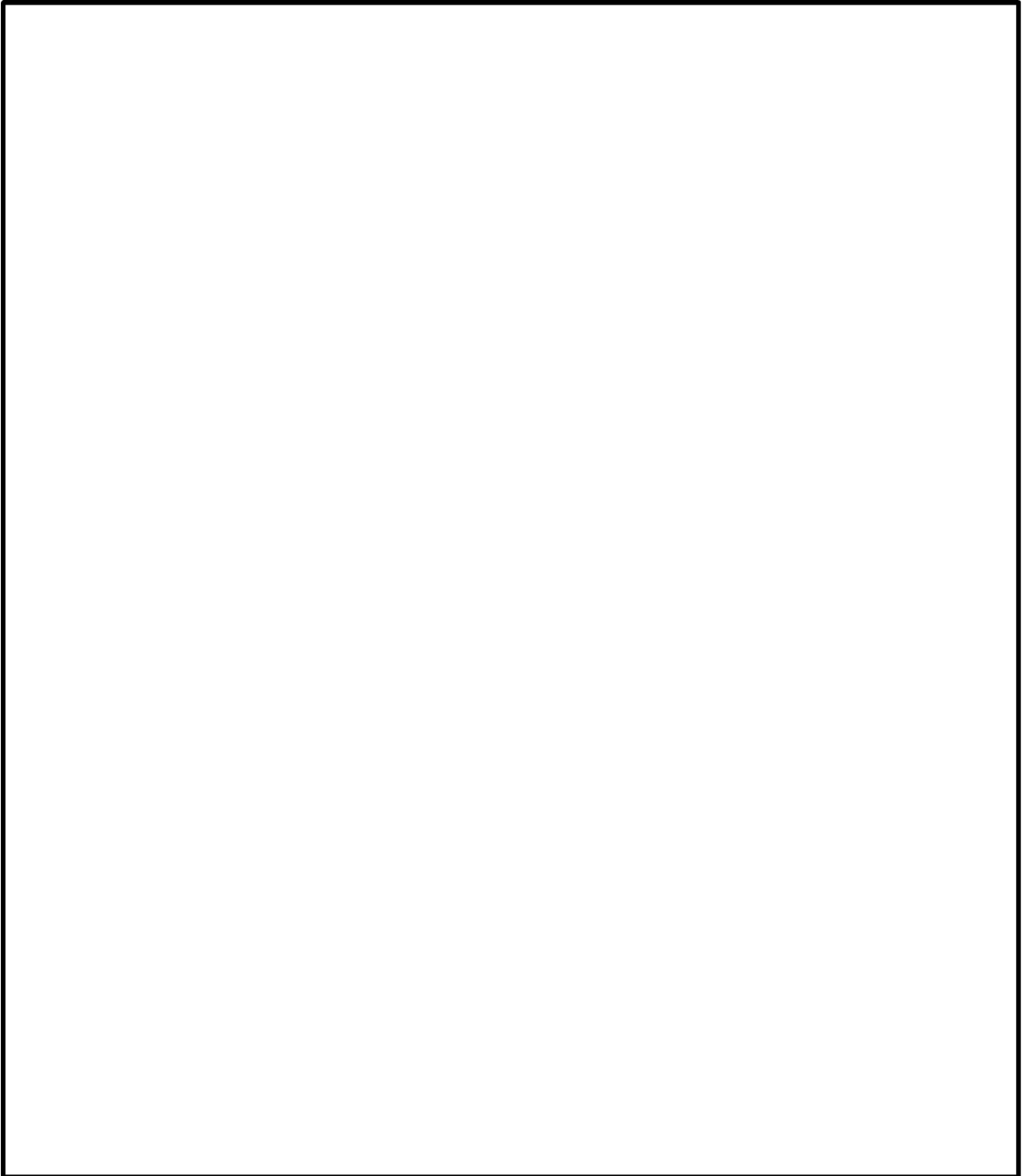


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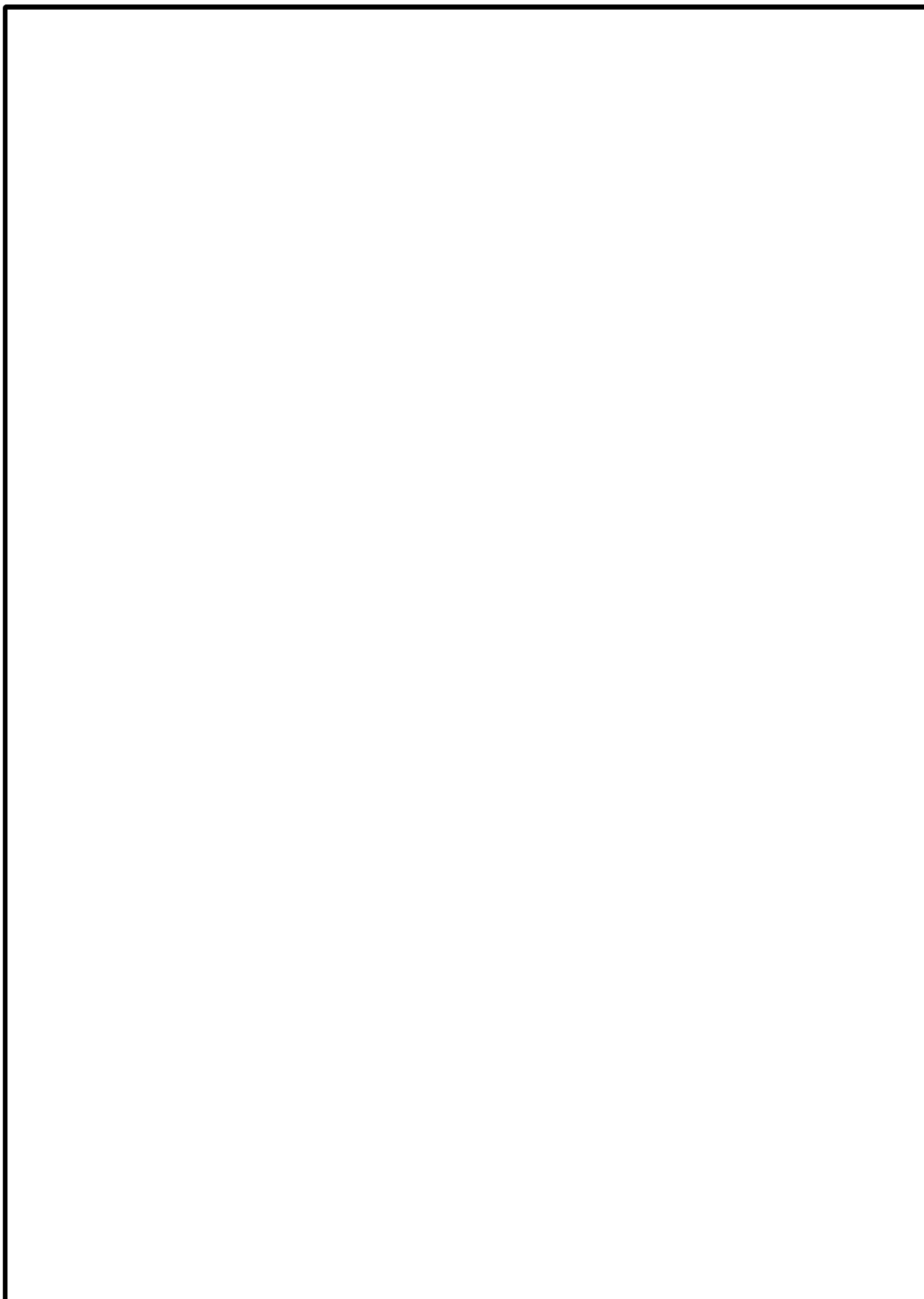


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# U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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BEFORE

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Chairman Sessions, Ranking Member Schumer, and Members of the Subcommittee, we represent U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We would ask to begin by introducing ourselves and our respective responsibilities. Joseph Moore serves as the Senior Financial Official of USCIS. Donald Neufeld serves as the USCIS Associate Director of Service Center Operations (SCOPS). Daniel Renaud serves as the USCIS Associate Director of Field Operations (FOD). The experience you see at this table represents over three-quarters of a century in the operations and administrative management of this agency, and the operational elements of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). All of us have been with USCIS since it was created in 2003, and all of us appreciate the role our agency plays in protecting the homeland, supporting the economy, providing humanitarian relief, and ensuring the orderly and expeditious flow of legal immigration. We very much appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to testify regarding the operations of USCIS and the financial management that supports those operations.

On behalf of USCIS Director Rodríguez and all of our colleagues we are grateful to the Members of this Subcommittee for your continued strong interest in USCIS and its programs. USCIS has a proud history of providing immigration benefits to individuals from all over the world. These immigration benefits support the fundamental values and needs of our nation, be they economic, humanitarian, or in the public interest. USCIS delivers these immigration benefits while being ever vigilant to identify those who seek to undermine the integrity of our immigration system—or worse—those who seek to do us physical or economic harm. USCIS is only able to accomplish its complex and vital mission through the efforts of approximately 19,000 dedicated public servants and supporting contractor personnel, each of whom proudly comes to work each day to administer our complex immigration system fairly, effectively, and professionally.

We have been asked to provide information to you regarding our agency's financial expenditures, service centers and field operations. As this Committee is aware, until recently, our agency had been preparing to implement certain elements of the Administration's recently announced executive actions on immigration. Since February 17th, the agency has carefully evaluated the impact of the district court injunction on these efforts and has paused on the implementation of DACA expansion and DAPA until the stay and appeal of the injunction is resolved.

Before discussing current operations, we would like to take a few minutes to provide some information on USCIS finance and expenditures. USCIS occupies a special position within the Federal Government's fiscal structure as its operations are primarily funded by immigration and naturalization benefit fees charged to applicants and petitioners, rather than by congressional appropriations. The Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA) is the primary funding source for USCIS as most immigration benefit application and petition fees collected are deposited into the IEFA and used to fund the cost of the day to day operating expenses of the agency.

In addition to the IEFA fee account, USCIS also receives funding through two additional fee accounts: the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Fee Account and the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account. The Fraud Prevention and Detection Account supports activities related to preventing and detecting fraud in the delivery of all immigration benefit types. These funds

primarily support the USCIS priority of ensuring the security and integrity of the immigration system. USCIS fee accounts represented approximately 96% of the agency's fiscal year (FY) 2014 budget.

USCIS also receives a limited amount of funding (approximately 4% of its FY 2014 budget) under the Salaries and Expenses (S&E) appropriation. These funds are provided to support the operation of the E-Verify program, and in part, the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP). Through the S&E appropriation, USCIS ensures the integrity of the immigration system through the operation and enhancement of the E-Verify system, which aids United States employers by helping them to ensure that they are hiring only those individuals who are legally authorized to work, and promotes increased awareness and understanding of citizenship through the CIGP.

Through its network of 226 domestic and foreign offices, USCIS uses fee funding to process applications, petitions, and requests related to immigration. These include, but are not limited to:

- Family-based petitions for close relatives of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents;
- Employment-based petitions for current and prospective employees to work in the United States, either on a temporary or permanent basis;
- Asylum and refugee applications; and
- Naturalization applications filed by those who wish to become U.S. citizens.

### **Legislative Authority of USCIS Fee Accounts**

The three fee accounts that USCIS relies upon to provide revenues to finance ongoing agency operations were each established under differing legislative authorities. This is an important point to highlight because two of the fee accounts – the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account and the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account – were established in statute and prescribe specific fees be charged to certain entities such that USCIS cannot change the fee charged. Conversely, the IEFA account was established by legislation which provides DHS the authority to set and adjust IEFA fees through rulemaking. The specific legislative authorities of the USCIS fee accounts are described in detail below.

**Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA)** – As enacted in 1988, sections 286(m) and (n) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1356(m) and (n)) provide:

Section (m) provides that all adjudication fees, as are designated by the Attorney General in regulations, shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into a separate account entitled "Immigration Examinations Fee Account" in the Treasury of the United States. In addition, these fees for providing adjudication and naturalization services may be set at a level that will ensure recovery of the full costs of providing all such services, including the costs of similar services provided without charge to asylum applicants or other immigrants. These fees may also be set at a level that will recover any additional costs associated with the administration of the fees collected.

Section (n) provides that all fee-based revenues deposited into the "Immigration Examinations Fee Account" shall remain available until expended to pay the expenses incurred in providing immigration adjudication and naturalization services.

Under the Homeland Security Act of 2002, these authorities are exercised by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Sections 286(m) and (n) of the INA reflect that the IEFA is a no-year account that possesses permanent, indefinite appropriation authority, as opposed to funds provided to DHS in an annual appropriation bill.

**Premium Processing Fees** – Premium processing authority is found in section 286(u) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1356(u)). The premium processing fee was statutorily authorized in 2000 for employment based applications and petitions and was set at \$1,000. These fee receipts are to be used to provide premium processing services to business customers and to make infrastructure improvements in adjudications and customer service processes. USCIS began offering a voluntary premium processing service fee in FY 2001. In 2010, the fee was adjusted for inflation and is now set at \$1,225. This is a service that allows a petitioner for a nonimmigrant worker to voluntarily pay an extra amount to ensure that the petition will be processed in 15 days. Failure on the part of USCIS to meet this processing timeframe requires that the premium fee be refunded. Premium processing fees are collected and deposited into the IEFA and, since 2010, USCIS has used them to finance the cost of its business transformation initiative, known as the Electronic Immigration System (ELIS), as well as infrastructure improvements identified as critical to sustaining USCIS operations.

**Fraud Prevention and Detection Account** – INA section 286(v) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)) specifies that certain supplemental fees shall be collected and deposited into the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account, and remain available until expended. As provided under section 214(c)(12) and (13) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(12) and (13)), a \$500 Fraud Prevention and Detection Fee must be paid by an employer petitioning for a beneficiary's initial grant of H-1B or L nonimmigrant classification, as well as a beneficiary who is changing employers within these classifications. The \$500 fee is charged in addition to the base filing fee for the Form I-129 petition for nonimmigrant worker. In addition, the law further prescribes that an additional fee of \$150 be paid by an employer filing a petition on behalf of an H-2B worker. This fee is also in addition to the Form I-129 base filing fee. These additional fees are used for anti-fraud purposes.

The fees that USCIS collects for deposit into this account are split between DHS, the Department of Labor and the Department of State, with each receiving one-third of the revenue collected. Funds provided by the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account represented approximately 1.5% of USCIS' FY 2014 budget. INA Section 286(v) reflects that the Fraud Prevention and Detection Account, like the IEFA, is a no year account that possesses permanent, indefinite appropriation authority.

**H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account** – INA section 286(s) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)) specifies that certain other supplemental fees shall be collected and deposited into the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account, and remain available until expended. As provided under section 214(c)(9) and (11) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(9) and (11)), certain employers who participate in the H-1B program must pay \$1,500 (or \$750 for those petitioners who employ 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees) in addition to the Form I-129 base filing fee. Of the amounts deposited into the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account, 55% of the fee revenue is provided to the Department of Labor, 40% is provided to the National Science Foundation and 5% percent is retained by USCIS.

Funds provided by the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Fee Account represented less than 1% of USCIS' FY 2014 budget. Section 286(s) of the INA reflects that the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account also is a no year account that possesses permanent, indefinite appropriation authority.

### **Review of User Fees**

Fees have been charged for certain immigration services since at least the enactment of the INA in 1952. The establishment of the IEFA in 1988 led to a fundamental change in the management of the fees in that the INS (now USCIS) was authorized to retain the user fees and use those fees to provide services, rather than to remit the fees to the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, which is the case with most other federal user fees. The IEFA provides the legal basis to operate USCIS as an almost entirely fee funded agency.

The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (CFO Act of 1990) implemented the requirement that a federal agency perform biennial fee reviews to determine the full cost of providing fee-based services, and USCIS strictly adheres to this biennial review schedule. USCIS reviews its fees on a regular basis so that the agency can continue to provide superior service for an ever increasing number of benefits and services, while also enhancing the security and integrity of adjudication processes.

The largest fee adjustment in USCIS history came into effect on July 30, 2007, when the agency increased fees by an average of 86% for each benefit and eliminated a number of fee waivers. As a result of this historic fee adjustment, more than 95% of the agency's budget now derives from user fees. Accordingly, in the years since DHS was created, USCIS has largely depended upon fees to fund its services, with direct appropriations being limited mainly to provide for the operation of the E-Verify program and, in recent years, the CIGP.

In accordance with the principles and guidance of the CFO Act of 1990, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-25: User Charges, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's publication of its Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 4: Managerial Cost Accounting Standards and Concepts, USCIS last adjusted its fee schedule on November 23, 2010 for the FY 2010/2011 fiscal periods. The attached table displays the current USCIS fee schedule. (Please see Appendix A).

### **USCIS Core Functions**

USCIS performs a variety of functions that cumulatively determine the agency's costs and, by extension, the fees that it must charge to recover those costs for providing fee-based services. While most of the functions are directly tied to the agency's processing functions, other costs such as administrative overhead originate indirectly from those functions. The following activities represent a high level summation of the USCIS core functions for which agency spending is directed to ensure the mission of USCIS is successfully achieved.

#### **Immigration Adjudications and Services**

USCIS is responsible for determining the eligibility of immediate relatives and other family members of U.S. citizens, as well as spouses and children of lawful permanent residents (LPRs),

employees of U.S. businesses, and other foreign nationals who meet specified criteria to obtain LPR or other applicable immigration status. To ensure that national security and public safety threats are recognized and addressed, USCIS conducts a combination of automated and manual biographic and biometric background checks. USCIS is committed to ensuring that immigration benefits are not granted to individuals who pose a threat to national security or public safety, or who seek to defraud the U.S. immigration system.

### **Naturalization Adjudications**

USCIS is responsible for naturalization, a process by which LPRs and certain other individuals (e.g., Military Naturalization under INA Section 329) may become U.S. citizens if they meet criteria established in the INA. These criteria generally include continuous residence, good moral character, literacy, and U.S. history and government knowledge requirements, as well as a willingness to take an oath to support the Constitution and laws of the United States. Individuals will only be naturalized after undergoing a rigorous background and security screening process.

### **Humanitarian Functions**

Officers in the Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate adjudicate refugee applications and conduct background and record checks related to some immigrant petitions abroad. The largest component of this program is the asylum officer corps, whose members interview and screen asylum applicants. Although a relatively small portion of the overall USCIS workload, it is a vital and particularly high-profile activity.

### **Other USCIS Immigration-Related Matters**

USCIS makes determinations on a range of immigration-related benefits and services. The agency decides whether a foreign national in nonimmigrant status (e.g., F-1 student) is eligible to change to another nonimmigrant classification (e.g., H-1B worker). USCIS also provides employment authorization documents to certain aliens who meet certain conditions and provides other immigration benefits to aliens under the Secretary of Homeland Security's discretionary authority under the INA.

### **Fraud Prevention and Detection**

USCIS adjudicates millions of applications, petitions, and requests for immigration benefits each year. Adjudication of these various immigration and naturalization benefit requests, however, is not a simple matter of processing routine paperwork. USCIS established the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS) to identify and resolve national security concerns, work with law enforcement and intelligence partners to share information, and detect and deter fraud. FDNS officers are specially trained to detect and deter systemic fraud that may be present in immigration benefit requests. Over 900 FDNS officers are located in every domestic USCIS Asylum Office, Field Office, District Office, Regional Office, Service Center, the National Benefits Center and Headquarters. FDNS officers are also posted in selected overseas locations.

### **Administrative Overhead**

In addition to the processing-related functions listed above, USCIS is also responsible for a host of administrative tasks that contribute to overhead costs, including the maintenance of agency databases and facilities, administering recruitment and hiring actions, and managing the agency's budget and finances.



### **Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements**

Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) is an intergovernmental information-sharing program that assists Federal, State, and local benefit-granting agencies in verifying individuals' immigration status, or naturalized or derived citizenship, when they apply for licenses or public benefits. Customers include Federal agencies, State departments of motor vehicles, licensing bureaus, etc. SAVE is also used to verify the immigration status, or naturalized or derived citizenship, of applicants for health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). SAVE helps other government agencies ensure that only persons eligible for benefits receive them by providing relevant immigration status information.

### **USCIS Operational Components**

USCIS administers the world's largest immigration system that includes more than 100 immigrant and nonimmigrant classifications and more than 200 different forms and applications. In FY2014, USCIS adjudicated nearly 7 million petitions and requests, including applications for naturalization, applications for adjustment to lawful permanent residence, immigrant visa petitions (both employment and family based), nonimmigrant petitions, asylum and refugee requests, requests for humanitarian protections under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and by victims of trafficking and crimes, requests for humanitarian parole, and for a broad array of deferred action requests, among others.

In order to administer this system, USCIS employs a staff of approximately 13,000 federal employees and an additional 6,000 contractors in facilities throughout the United States and overseas. USCIS maintains four major Service Centers under its Service Center Operations Directorate, and 83 Field Offices and a National Benefits Center (NBC) under its Field Operations Directorate. USCIS distributes responsibility for processing and adjudicating various categories of applications and requests among the Field Offices and Service Centers in order to achieve maximum efficiency, reliability, consistency, and accuracy.

In addition to the Field Offices and Service Centers, USCIS also uses three centralized "lockboxes" for the initial receipt and processing of most applications, requests, and fee payments received by the agency. At the lockbox, every application and request is opened and reviewed for basic filing requirements. Once those basic requirements are met, fees are accepted, and data is captured. In order to ensure reliability and proper processing, each application and request is logged into one of the USCIS computerized tracking systems. Paper applications and requests are scanned and payments are processed. Once an application or request is accepted, a receipt is issued, and the hardcopy applications and requests are distributed to the appropriate Field Office, Service Center, or the NBC for further processing.

The Service Centers are designed to adjudicate applications, petitions and requests that do not require face to face interactions with the public. These caseloads are generally high-volume and include employment based nonimmigrant visa petitions (such as H-1Bs), family and employment-based immigrant visa petitions, employment-based applications for adjustment of status, multiple forms of humanitarian protection (including temporary protected status, protection under VAWA, and nonimmigrant status for victims of crimes and trafficking), requests for deferred action under the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

policy guidance, and requests for deferred action related to the VAWA and U nonimmigrant programs.

The Service Center Operations Directorate comprises a Headquarters component in Washington, DC, and Service Centers located in Dallas, Texas; Laguna Niguel, California; Lincoln, Nebraska; and St. Albans, Vermont. The Service Center Operations Directorate FY2015 authorized staffing total is approximately 3,600 federal employees with contract support provided by approximately 1,500 contractors. In FY2014, these employees processed nearly 4 million applications, petitions and requests.

The Field Operations Directorate was established to oversee and manage operations that generally require personal interactions. Whenever individuals are required to appear in person before an immigration officer or they seek information in person, employees of the directorate handle the interactions. The Directorate comprises a Headquarters component in Washington, DC, and a reporting structure that includes 4 Regional Offices, 26 District Offices, and 83 Field Offices located throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Field Operations Directorate's authorized FY2015 staffing total is approximately 5,500 federal employees, with an estimated 3,040 contractors who operate in support of the Directorate's missions.

The core work for Field Operations centers on two distinct immigration benefit types: applications from persons seeking to adjust their status to that of LPR, and applications from LPRs seeking to become United States citizens. In many cases, foreign nationals seeking LPR status are physically present in the United States. Generally, and subject to statutory and regulatory restrictions, individuals who meet the criteria for an immigrant classification and also meet statutory requirements may have their status adjusted to that of an LPR. Individuals interviewed at our offices typically seek this benefit based on a family-based immigrant classification—most commonly marriage to a United States citizen. All applicants for permanent resident status are fully vetted through multiple background and security checks, and officers who suspect fraud refer cases to FDNS for an administrative investigation. If granted adjustment of status, these individuals would then receive a Permanent Resident Card (also known as a green card) as evidence of their LPR status. Typically, Field Operations adjusts the status of over a half-million individuals during the course of a year.

While USCIS and the greater Federal Government encourage qualified persons to seek citizenship and the benefits and responsibilities that citizenship encompasses, it is ultimately the personal decision of the individual. Individuals seeking citizenship through the naturalization process must appear in person before a USCIS officer, normally at a field office. There, USCIS will conduct an examination of the applicant. All applicants are thoroughly vetted, and must meet multiple statutory requirements and take an oath of allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States in order to obtain citizenship. Typically, USCIS naturalizes over 700,000 persons during the course of a year, though during periods in advance of national elections our filings for naturalization typically increase, as individuals seek to participate in the democratic process through voting in those elections.

In addition to the District and Field Offices, the Field Operations Directorate also includes components that perform specialty functions. These include:

National Benefits Center: Located in Lee's Summit, Missouri, the NBC, established in 2000 to process cases filed to qualify for provisions under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act, now performs a number of operations that generally support field offices. Among these operations are scheduling cases for biometrics collection and interviews, preparing cases for interview by conducting and recording the results of required background checks, creating and consolidating A-files, and shipping files to the field offices for adjudication. The NBC also performs the majority of all adjudications of domestically-filed requests for inter-country adoptions, Permanent Resident Card renewals and replacements, and provisional waivers of unlawful presence.

Investor Program Office: In 2014, the Investor Program Office was consolidated under the Field Operations Directorate and relocated from the California Service Center to Washington, DC. This program adjudicates petitions for EB-5 immigrant investor visas. The move allows greater oversight of this important program, while also allowing USCIS to leverage expertise in areas of financial transactions, economics, business planning, intelligence, and other subjects necessary for efficient and accurate adjudication.

USCIS is committed to fulfilling its mission to secure America's promise as a nation of immigrants by providing accurate and useful information to our customers, granting immigration and citizenship benefits, promoting awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of our immigration system. In accomplishing this task the agency relies upon its abilities to accurately forecast workload demands and the associated fee revenues so that it is able to responsibly and professionally operate within an often uncertain fiscal climate. This uncertainty is attributable to volatility inherent in relying on fee collections that are directly tied to applicant and petitioner demands that change each year.

USCIS recognizes that certain form types require special attention because they must be processed within certain time periods due to reasons of statute, regulation or humanitarian considerations. Understanding this, USCIS conducts production planning, staffing analysis, and resource allocation decisions as a matter of routine business operations. Through a long-standing practice of carefully tracking the receipt, progress and inventory of cases received from customers, USCIS is able to ensure the most efficient allocation of resources to support the timely processing of every form type we receive. Whenever USCIS receives a sudden or unexpected increase in workload, a detailed analysis of the factors causing the surge is performed, and resources allocated to minimize delay in any program, especially those with urgent humanitarian or statutory requirements. By keeping a focus on special emphasis form types, we are able to make initial risk-based resource allocation decisions so that all USCIS customers are given the attention and service they deserve.

In 2015, USCIS faces challenges that are common to most large federal agencies, while also addressing challenges that are unique to our agency. Keeping our agency fully staffed with the most qualified persons is one such common challenge. As for other federal agencies operating in large, high-cost metropolitan areas, it is often challenging for USCIS to recruit and retain qualified candidates. Once hired, new officers must be fully trained in immigration law and

procedures, fraud detection and interviewing techniques, and cultural awareness. USCIS must also prepare officers dedicated to specialized programs such as asylum, refugee, and EB-5 with additional training and tools.

Quality and integrity in the adjudication and decision-making processes are areas that demand constant attention. In order to integrate quality into every facet of the adjudication process, USCIS decided to transition from traditional production-based goals to a performance structure that focuses on the quality of work products. This shift will ensure that immigration benefit decisions are informed, adhere to the law and the facts, and further the integrity and goals of the immigration system. This retooling has largely been successful. Officers, free from the traditional production quotas, now take a greater degree of ownership in the decision making process. However, officers are more conscious of the responsibilities that their decisions reflect, and thus take more time to make them. Therefore, processing times have increased in some of our offices and with some of our types of adjudication. Needless to say, this concerns us. To address this management challenge, we are working to perfect a model where we remain quality driven, but are also able to render the right decision on any type of case before us in a reasonable amount of time. As stated, USCIS will not sacrifice the integrity of the adjudication process to speed up a decision on a case. The agency consistently works to maximize its efficiency and is flexible about where work is assigned to best achieve it.

We are proud of the work that we and our USCIS colleagues around the world perform. Recognizing the importance of providing immigration services that support humanitarian, family reunification, and economic goals of our country, we strive to do our work with the greatest of integrity and efficiency. We hope that our testimony provides the Members with a glimpse into the challenges we face, the care with which we address them, and finally, the successes that we achieve.

On behalf of USCIS Director Rodríguez and our leadership team and colleagues, we thank you Chairman Sessions, Ranking Member Schumer, and Members of the Subcommittee for the opportunity to share this information concerning USCIS expenditures and operations with you today. We will be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have.

## Appendix A

<b>USCIS - Immigration Benefit Fees</b>	
<b>Form and Description</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>
I-90 Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	\$ 365
I-102 Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record	\$ 330
I-129 Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	\$ 325
I-129F Petition for Alien Fiance(e)	\$ 340
I-130 Petition for Alien Relative	\$ 420
I-131 Application for Travel Document	\$ 360
I-140 Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker	\$ 580
Waiver Forms (I-191, I-192, I-193, I-212, I-601, I-612)	\$ 585
I-290B Appeal for any decision other than BIA	\$ 630
Motion to reopen or reconsider decision other than BIA	\$ 630
I-360 Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	\$ 405
I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	\$ 985
I-526 Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur	\$1,500
I-539 Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	\$ 290
I-600, 600A/I-800, 800A Orphan Petitions	\$ 720
I-687 Application for Status as a Temporary Resident under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	\$1,130
I-690 Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility	\$ 200
I-694 Notice of Appeal of Decision under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	\$ 755
I-698 Application to Adjust Status From Temporary to Permanent Resident (Under Section 245A of Pub. L. 99-603).	\$1,020
I-751 Petition to Remove the Conditions of Residence	\$ 505
I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	\$ 380
I-800A Supplement 3 Request for Action on Approved Form I-800A	\$ 360
I-817 Application for Family Unity Benefits	\$ 435
I-821 Application for Temporary Protected Status	\$ 50
I-824 Application for Action on Approved Application or Petition	\$ 405
I-829 Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions	\$3,750
I-881 Application for Suspension of Deportation or Special Rule Cancellation of Removal (Pursuant to Section 203 of Pub. L. 105-110)	\$ 285
I-905 Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers	\$ 230
I-907 Request for Premium Processing Service	\$1,225
Civil Surgeon Designation	\$ 615
I-924 Application for Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program	\$6,230
I-929 Petition for a Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	\$ 215
N-300 Application to File Declaration of Intention	\$ 250
N-336 Request for Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Procedures	\$ 650
N-400 Application for Naturalization	\$ 595

<b>USCIS - Immigration Benefit Fees</b>	
N-470 Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes	\$ 330
N-565 Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	\$ 345
N-600/600K Application for Certification of Citizenship	\$ 600
Biometrics Fee	\$ 85
Immigrant Visa DHS Domestic Processing	\$ 165

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**SUBJECT:** USCIS Congressional Activity for January 22 – 28, 2017

<b>Congressional Briefings, Hearings and Notifications</b>
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**Headquarters:**

- The House and Senate were not in session. Republicans from both chambers are in Philadelphia for a Retreat focused on planning the Majority policy agenda for the 115th Congress. With control of both chambers and the White House, Republicans will work toward a 200-day legislative agenda for their top priorities laid out by the House Speaker on Jan 25: Replacement of the health care law by April, funds for a southern border wall in the spring, and tax reform by August. On Jan 26, Senate Majority Leader McConnell commented at the Retreat that the cost of the southern border wall could be \$12 – 15 billion. The President traveled to the Retreat on Jan 26 to address the Republican Members.
- Nominations of Rex Tillerson for Secretary of State and Elaine Chao for Secretary of Transportation will be on the Senate floor next week. A Judiciary Committee vote on the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General is scheduled for January 31.
- The House Judiciary Committee has announced the Republican members of the respective subcommittees for the 115th Congress. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner replaces Representative Trey Gowdy as the Immigration Subcommittee Chair.
  - Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security\*

MAJORITY:	MINORITY:
<i>Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner, Jr. (WI)</i>	Zoe Lofgren (CA)
Vice Chairman Raul Labrador (ID)	Luis Gutierrez (IL)
Lamar Smith (TX)	<i>Pramila Jayapal (WA)</i>
Steve King (IA)	Sheila Jackson Lee (TX)
<i>Jim Jordan (OH)</i>	<i>Judy Chu (CA)</i>
Ken Buck (CO)	
<i>Mike Johnson (LA)</i>	
<i>Andy Biggs (AZ)</i>	

*[\*new Subcommittee members in italics]*
- Three new members have been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee: Ben Sasse (R-NE), John Kennedy (R-LA) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) who fills the Committee vacancy created by Senator Schumer's election as the Minority Leader. The Senate Immigration Subcommittee membership has not changed yet, pending the likely confirmation of present Subcommittee Chair Jeff Sessions as Attorney General. If he is confirmed, a new Republican member will be appointed to the full Committee, to the Subcommittee, and a new Subcommittee Chair will be selected.
- Two House Members of the 115th Congress have resigned this week. Former Representative Mike Pompeo (R-KS-4) has been sworn in as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and former Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34) is the new Attorney General for California where a vacancy was created by the election of former Attorney General Kamala Harris to the U.S. Senate. Three other Republican Members have been nominated for Cabinet level positions. The contest that will likely decide who fills GOP Representative Mike Pompeo's seat in Kansas will be held in less than

two weeks. While the special election to replace Mr. Pompeo will not be held until April 11, the Kansas GOP plans to hold its nominating convention on February 9. The GOP nominee is strongly favored to win the special election in the Republican district. The race to fill another open House seat in California could take much longer. Governor Jerry Brown set April 4 as the date for the special election to fill the seat of Mr. Becerra. If no candidate in the all-party primary receives 50 percent of the vote, the race will proceed to a June 6 runoff.

- On January 24, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, introduced a Mandatory E-Verify bill which is now being reviewed by IRIS, Verification and OCC. Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX-21) is expected to soon re-introduce another version of a Mandatory E-Verify bill, passed by the House during the 114th Congress.
- On February 1, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6) will deliver remarks at the National Press Club. Chairman Goodlatte will discuss the House Judiciary Committee's agenda for the 115th Congress.
- **January 24:** USCIS with DOS, met with Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48) and discussed asylum, refugee, and I-730 process. DOS participants: Ed Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Valerie Chittenden, Deputy Consular Chief, U.S. Embassy Ankara; Christian Cardona, Turkey Desk Officer, Department of State; and Pam Lewis, Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State. USCIS participants: Barbara Strack, Chief, Refugee Affairs Division; Maura Nicholson, Acting Chief International Operations; Angie Alfonso-Royals, Chief, OLA; and Jose Pitti, Asylum Officer. Katherine Brown (OLA) accompanied.
- **January 27:** USCIS provided a USCIS overview to new staff to Senator James Lankford (R-OK). The overview included information on USCIS workloads, product lines, and organizational structure. USCIS participants were Angie Alfonso-Royals, Chief, OLA; Aaron Cathey, on Detail to OLA, and Ronald A. Atkinson, Deputy Chief, OLA.

### Congressional USCIS Field Briefings and Notifications

#### Central Region:

- **January 23:** The Chicago District Office participated in a town hall sponsored by Representative Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4). There were close to 500 people in attendance. Many were concerned over their status and the future of DACA. Rep. Gutierrez spoke in both English and Spanish. USCIS answered questions from attendees and provided DACA and naturalization information. Field Office Director Martha Medina and District Congressional Lead Anita Goss-Fields represented USCIS.
- **January 24:** The Kansas City Field Office held a training session with the office of Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) via telephone. District Congressional Lead Sarah Hatch represented USCIS.
- **January 26:**
  - The Chicago Field Office visited the Chicago office of Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and provided local and agency updates. District Congressional Lead, Anita Goss-Fields represented USCIS.
  - The Chicago Field Office visited the Chicago office of Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and provided local and agency updates. District Congressional Lead Anita Goss-Fields represented USCIS.
- **January 27:** The Cleveland District Office distributed its monthly newsletter to provide local congressional offices with current, regional, and national information.

#### Northeast Region:

- **January 23:**
  - The Boston District Office met with the office of Senator Edward Markey (D-MA) and provided local and agency updates. District Director Denis Riordan, Acting FOD Chief of



Staff Julie Farnam, Deputy District Director John Furlong, District Congressional Lead Mary Anne Sciuto and Congressional Liaison David McCormack.

- The Manchester Field Office hosted an administrative naturalization ceremony in Bedford, New Hampshire with participation from the offices of Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) as well as Representatives Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH-1) and Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH-2). Field Office Director Andrea Rogers and Congressional Liaison Stefania represented USCIS.

#### **Southeast Region:**

- **January 23:** The Atlanta District Office distributed its weekly newsletter to provide local congressional offices with current, regional, and national information.
- **January 25:** The Charlotte Field Office met with the offices of John Mulvaney, (R-SC-5) and Robert Pittenger (R-NC-9) and provided local and agency updates. Congressional liaison Sharon Bass represented USCIS.
- **January 26:**
  - The Jacksonville Field Office met with the office of Representative Ted Yoho (R-FL-3) and provided local and agency updates. Congressional Liaison Maged Wasef represented USCIS.
  - The Atlanta District Office participated in DHS Blue Campaign presentation with the participation from the offices of Senators Timothy Scott (R-SC), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and John Isakson (R-GA), as well as Representatives Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4), Jeffrey Duncan (R-SC-3), Gary Palmer (R-AL-6), Tom Graves (R-GA-14), Richard Hudson (R-NC-8), Addison Wilson (R-SC-2), Robert Pittenger (R-NC-9), Michael Rogers (R-AL-3), , Jody Hice (R-GA-10). District Congressional Lead Sharon Padin represented USCIS.
- **January 27:** The Fort Myers Field Office met with the office of Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and provided local and agency updates. Congressional Liaison Jackie Macias represented USCIS.

#### **Western Region:**

- **January 24:** The Fresno Field Office met with the office of Representative Jim Costa (D-CA-16) and provided agency updates and discussed local trends. Field Office Director Lynn Feldman and Immigration Services Officer Susan Mercer represented USCIS.
- **January 26:**
  - The Portland Field Office hosted a DHS Congressional Roundtable with participation from the offices of Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Jeff Merkley, as well as Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1), Greg Walden (R-OR-2), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3), Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4), Kurt Schrader (D-OR-5), and Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA-3). Representatives from all DHS immigration related agencies were in attendance. Field Office Director Michael Hickman, Congressional Liaison Ron Mauldin, and Community Relations Officer Quinn Andrus represented USCIS.
  - The Tucson Field Office met with the office of Representative Martha McSally (R-AZ-2) and provided agency updates and discussed local trends. Field Office Director Julie Hashimoto and District Congressional Lead Rachel Williams represented USCIS.
- **January 27:**
  - The Tucson Field Office met with the office of Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and discussed recent USCIS announcements. Field Office Director Julie Hashimoto and District Congressional Lead Rachel Williams represented USCIS.
  - The Fresno Field Office met with the office of Representative David Valadao (R-CA-21) and provided agency updates, including on the topic of recent changes in the USCIS fee

- schedule. Field Office Director Lynn Feldman and Immigration Services Officer Susan Mercer represented USCIS.
- The Santa Ana Field Office participated in a stakeholder event hosted by Representative Lou Correa (D-CA-46) and provided agency updates related to naturalization issues and the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law (UPIIL). District Congressional Lead Lan Quach, Congressional Liaison Mark Platek, and Community Relations Officer Brandon Menancio represented USCIS.
  - The Reno Field Office attended a judicial naturalization ceremony at the US District Courthouse in Reno with participation from the offices of Senator Dean Heller (R-AZ) and Representative Mark Amodei (R-NV-2). Field Office Director Walter Haith represented USCIS.

### Congressional USCIS Field Briefings and Notifications

#### **Trump signs orders on border wall, immigration crackdown**

POLITICO By Seung Min Kim, Shane Goldmacher, Louis Nelson and Eli Stokols  
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President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed a sweeping set of immigration-related executive actions jumpstarting a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, cracking down on sanctuary cities, and directing significant resources toward swifter deportations for undocumented immigrants currently in the country.

Less than a week into his presidency, Trump is following through on some of his biggest campaign plans, satisfying supporters eager to combat the flow of undocumented immigrants into the U.S. but alarming activists worried about rising xenophobia and a new era of mass deportations.

Trump, who signed the orders before around 70 people at the DHS around 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, overall has been focusing much of his energy on executive actions during his first week, having already cranked out documents undercutting Obamacare, freezing regulations, halting most federal government hiring, reining in abortion funding overseas and advancing the Keystone and Dakota Access pipelines.

The first executive order signed on Wednesday directs DHS to use existing funding to begin work on the border wall, although its completion will require an appropriation from Congress, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said at the daily briefing.

"Building this barrier is more than just a campaign promise. It's a common-sense first step to really securing our porous border," Spicer said. "This will stem the flow of drugs, crime, illegal immigration into the United States. And yes, one way or another, as the president has said before, Mexico will pay for it." Spicer did not elaborate on how Mexico will be forced to fund a project that is certain to cost billions of dollars.

In an interview with ABC News taped Wednesday afternoon, Trump said construction would begin "as soon as we can. As soon as we can physically do it. I would say in months, yeah," he told ABC's David Muir. "I would say in months. Certainly, planning is starting immediately."

The president also scoffed at Mexico President Enrique Peña Nieto's insistence that his country will not be paying for any border wall.

"I think he has to say that. He has to say that. But I'm just telling you there will be a payment," Trump said. "It will be in a form, perhaps a complicated form, and you have to understand, what I'm doing is good for the United States. It's also gonna be good for Mexico. We wanna have a very stable, very solid Mexico."

Trump's executive order on Wednesday, which begins the process of building the wall, also seeks to provide DHS more resources in general "to stop illegal immigration from entering the United States." Spicer said the Trump administration will also seek to create more detention facilities for undocumented immigrants along the U.S. border, centers that he said would allow for swifter and cheaper deportations.

The second executive order focuses on immigration enforcement away from America's borders. The press secretary said that "federal agencies are going to unapologetically enforce the law, no ifs, ands or buts." A program to aid Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in targeting undocumented immigrants for removal will be reinstated, Spicer said, and the State Department will withhold visas for nations who refuse to accept deportees being sent back to their home countries.

Federal grant money will be stripped from so-called sanctuary cities that harbor undocumented immigrants from the federal government, Spicer said, although he explained the particulars of how that will work have not yet been determined.

Absent from the directives is any mention of DACA, the controversial Obama administration program that currently spares minors illegally brought to the U.S. by their parents from the prospect of deportation. Spicer said more action related to DACA, the repeal of which remains a priority for conservatives, may come later in the week. He also addressed fears felt by those young people, and the worries about their parents' and relative's potential deportations, and Hispanics more broadly.

"His priority is first and foremost people who are in this country that seek to do us harm," Spicer said. "The president understands the magnitude of this problem. He is a family man. He understands. He has a huge heart. He understands the significance of this problem, but he is going to work through it with his team in a very humane way to make sure that he respects the situation that many of these children are in that were brought here. But his priority with respect to immigration is first and foremost making sure that people who are in this country that are seeking to do us harm or have committed a crime are at the forefront of that."

Family members of people killed by immigrants in the United States illegally have been invited to participate in an executive signing ceremony, according to one person familiar with the event's planning.

Trump made his hard-line stance on immigration from Mexico and from countries with large Muslim populations a centerpiece of his campaign. He has promised to build a massive wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and to combat terrorism by applying "extreme vetting" to immigrants from countries known to foster what he calls "radical Islam." But there are significant obstacles. It's not clear how such a wall will be financed, and Trump at times has seemed opened to having parts be a fence. His allies at times have spoken of a "virtual wall."

On the issue of "extreme vetting," it's been unclear what standards would be used for the practice, and critics have said such an approach could backfire and be used as a recruiting tool for would-be terrorists.

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## Trump Will Order Taxpayer Funds to Pay For Border Wall

### Democrats call Mexico reimbursement idea 'a broken promise'

ROLL CALL Posted Jan 25, 2017 2:03 PM by John T. Bennett

In a much-anticipated move, President Donald Trump on Wednesday will sign a directive ordering federal funds to be diverted to begin building a massive wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

While Trump long promised during the presidential campaign to build a wall, he insisted Mexico would pay for it, and the decision to use taxpayer funds and later seek reimbursement from Mexico is a hugely contentious move.

During a visit to the Department of Homeland Security, Trump signed two immigration-themed executive orders on Wednesday. One covers starting his promised border wall project, as well as expanding resources for the Homeland Security Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The second seeks to strip federal funding for "sanctuary cities."

The move comes one day before the new president will fly to Philadelphia to address House and Senate Republicans at their annual retreat, and it means they will face votes in the coming months on how to fund Trump's top campaign pledge.

"Building this barrier is more than just a campaign promise. It's a common-sense first step to really securing our porous border," White House Press Secretary Spicer told reporters. "This will stem the flow of drugs, crime, illegal immigration into the United States. And, yes, one way or another, as the president has said, Mexico will pay for it."

Trump clearly felt pressure to make some kind of progress on the wall, which he has promised will be built using reinforced steel and concrete, along the nearly 2,000-mile border. After all, he stood on stages for over a year at campaign rallies listening to — and egging on — crowds chanting "build the wall!" Often, Trump would ask his supporters, "Who's going to pay for the wall?" In unison, and at great volume, they would reply with, "Mexico!"

#### Who's going to pay?

Since, however, the 45th chief executive has backed off that claim, saying recently that Congress — meaning, U.S. taxpayers — will pay for its construction. The Mexican government, Trump now says, will reimburse the United States at an unspecified date down the road; Mexican officials scoff at this.

House and Senate Republicans, some at first skeptical of the cost of first building the structure then maintaining and patrolling it, now appear on board with the plan — despite Trump's own estimate it could cost \$8 billion and independent projections as high as \$25 billion.

"The chairman and the committee are committed to securing our borders and keeping our nation safe," House Appropriations Committee spokeswoman Jennifer Hing said Wednesday, referring to Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J. "We will work with the Administration and take a close look at any funding proposal when it is submitted to Congress."

No formal funding request has been submitted to Capitol Hill; after all, the administration is only in its fifth full day. Spicer on Monday told reporters the wall is a “serious priority” for Trump, noting his boss “has already started to work with Congress on the appropriations avenue of that.”

Trump is “doing everything he can to direct agencies and Congress to commence with that work as soon as possible,” Spicer added.

As Republicans gather to strategize in Philadelphia, how to fund the wall is sure to be a topic of conversation.

### ‘On the same page’

Though Trump and Speaker Paul D. Ryan have several disagreements over immigration policy, the Wisconsin Republican recently signaled his willingness to go along with the project, saying he and Trump are “on the same page” on border security.

“I’m in favor of securing the border. And I do believe that you have to have physical barriers on the border,” the Wisconsin Republican told Fox News’ Bret Baier on Nov. 10. “I will defer to the experts on the border as to what is the right way to actually secure the border.” He had been asked if he supports Trump’s wall proposal.

Ryan has placed securing the U.S.-Mexico border as among the House Republican’s top agenda items under Trump’s tenure.

The speaker listed securing the border, along with overhauling the tax code and repealing and replacing the 2010 health care law, as top agenda items for the GOP under a Trump administration.

Nita Lowey of New York, the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, earlier this month accused Republicans of planning to “force U.S. taxpayers to pay tens of billions of dollars for a border wall.”

Alluding to Trump’s campaign-trail assurances that Mexico would be on the hook, Lowey said using U.S. taxpayer funds would amount to “a broken promise.” She dubbed the border wall “a colossal waste of money, and a boondoggle of historic proportions.”

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto will be in Washington next week to discuss immigration, the proposed wall, and other topics with Trump.

Trump’s team says it is surprised that lawmakers, analysts, pundits or journalists were surprised to learn about a Mexican reimbursement plans after months and months of the campaign promises, even though there was hardly any mention of it during the campaign. GOP members have expressed the sentiment.

“As far as having Mexico reimburse, you know, that’s something that the administration will work on,” Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., an Appropriations Committee member, said 11 days before Trump was sworn in Friday. “But I’ve always assumed we’re going to have to spend money.”

Even if Trump secures funding from Congress to start or even complete the wall’s construction, the project faces many hurdles. For instance, many large sections would cut through privately owned lands,

raising the likelihood that its construction could be slowed by bureaucratic red tape and even legal challenges.

Other barriers could come from within Trump's own Cabinet.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly told the Senate Homeland Security Committee this month that a physical wall alone is not enough to secure the border. Kelly, a former U.S. Southern Command chief, told the panel that "layered defenses" and human beings are necessary to properly patrol the lengthy border.

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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte has issued the following statement:

### **Goodlatte Applauds Executive Action to Secure the Border and Enforce the Law**

Washington, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) today issued the following statement on President Trump's executive orders to secure the border and enforce immigration laws:

"President Trump has begun to deliver on his promises by taking sensible action to secure the border and enforce the law. For the past eight years, our country suffered under the Obama Administration's lax enforcement of immigration laws. The Obama Administration's policies compromised Americans' safety by allowing dangerous criminal aliens to remain in the United States and by refusing to crack down on sanctuary policies. Its policies also undermined the integrity of our immigration system and led to the surge of Central American minors and families seeking to come to the U.S. illegally.

"President Trump's executive action will reverse the Obama Administration's disastrous policies in order to help secure the border, prevent human trafficking, enhance public safety, and stop illegal immigration. I look forward to working with President Trump to take legislative action to further enhance border security, restore the rule of law, and improve our nation's immigration laws."

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### **Trump Faces Pushback on Border, Immigration Orders**

By Dean DeChiaro, CQ Roll Call; Jan. 25, 2017 – 4:58 p.m.

President Donald Trump signed executive orders Wednesday requiring immediate construction of a wall on the U.S-Mexico border and stripping funds from "sanctuary" jurisdictions that decline to cooperate with federal immigration officials.

His action also directs the Homeland Security Department to resume the contentious Secure Communities deportation program, which was discontinued by President Barack Obama in 2014 after concerns were raised about civil liberties. The order on border security, including the wall, and another order on public safety in the United States, which covers sanctuary jurisdictions, were signed at an event at the Homeland Security Department.

"A nation without borders is not a nation," Trump said. "Beginning today, the United States of America gets back control of its borders."

Rep. Luis Gutierrez, a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said building a wall along the border with Mexico would be the equivalent of having a "big statue with a middle finger pointed south."

At the White House, Press Secretary Sean Spicer repeated Trump's claim that Mexico would "pay for the wall," though the president's advisers have said the administration will seek taxpayer funds to build it and force reimbursement by Mexico. Trump said during the campaign he might withhold remittances from undocumented immigrants who send money back to their home country.

In his executive action, Trump ordered the secretary of State to submit in 60 days a comprehensive report on all federal aid to Mexico over the past five years. But he did not specify his reason for doing so.

The Mexican government has repeatedly said it would not fund the wall's construction, which would enhance some existing physical barriers along the nearly 2,000-mile border with Mexico.

The executive actions would also "create more detention space for illegal immigrants along the southern border to make it easier and cheaper to detain them and return them to their country of origin" and end the "last administration's dangerous catch-and-release policy," Spicer said.

Under Obama, undocumented immigrants seeking political asylum who were detained at the border — including Central American mothers and children fleeing rampant gang violence in their home countries — were issued court dates and released to relatives. But some were held for long periods before their release from detention centers, which advocates say deprived them of their rights to due process.

While the U.S. government can quickly deport Mexicans, it is required by law to place undocumented immigrants from non-contiguous countries into the immigration court system.

Trump's border security order would also require the hiring of 5,000 additional Border Patrol agents "subject to available appropriations." U.S. Customs and Border Protection currently employs 20,183 agents on the northern and southern borders.

### Challenges Ahead

Spicer did not address numerous barriers Trump will have to overcome regarding the wall's construction, including how Congress would appropriate the necessary funds or whether the administration would use eminent domain to acquire large swaths of privately owned land from Texans living along the Rio Grande.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection currently maintains about 700 miles of fencing on the southern border constructed as a result of a 2006 law known as the Secure Fence Act (PL 109-367). The government spent years suing at least 300 landowners to acquire that land.

The 215 miles of fencing completed by October 2008 cost the government an average of \$3 million per mile, according to a 2009 Government Accountability Office report.

Trump may also need to win over members of his own administration. Newly sworn-in Homeland Secretary John Kelly told the Senate recently that he backs Trump's wall plan but noted: "A physical barrier in and of itself will not do the job."

Even the union representing U.S. Border Patrol agents, which endorsed Trump last year, says that walls are "temporary solutions" and that it "disagrees with wasting taxpayer money on building fences and walls along the border."

The president may have an easier time stripping federal funding from so-called sanctuary cities, though that would not guarantee their compliance with federal immigration authorities.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., Trump's nominee for attorney general, staunchly opposes sanctuary policies and could take action to withhold federal funding from some of the nation's largest cities. He would have the support of Republicans in Congress, namely Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, who oversees funding for the Justice Department as chairman of the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee.

By March 2015, 10 of the nation's largest sanctuary jurisdictions received DOJ law enforcement grants worth \$342 million even though they had limited in some way "the authority of the jurisdiction to take action with regards to [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] detainees," according to the Justice Department's inspector general. These included New York City; Cook County, Ill.; Miami-Dade County in Florida; and the city of Philadelphia.

Culberson has already said he will stop the federal grants to sanctuary jurisdictions, which the Justice IG says includes cities and counties and the state of California.

"It's already done, I've already created the switch, all [Trump has] to do is throw it," Culberson told reporters recently.

### Sanctuary Cities

But the number of sanctuaries nationwide may already be declining. Data released by the Homeland Security Department this month showed a 77 percent drop in the number of detainer requests issued by ICE that were declined by local police between fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

Former DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson credited the Priority Enforcement Program, which replaced Secure Communities, with the rise in cooperation.

But by doing away with the Priority Enforcement Program and reinstating Secure Communities, Trump risks further resistance from the sanctuary jurisdictions because it increased deportations of non-violent offenders in addition to dangerous individuals.

Those in favor of sanctuary cities say their policies foster community policing efforts among immigrants who fear talking to local police could result in their deportation.

Immigrant advocates were quick to condemn Trump's orders, arguing they would abandon Central American refugees and do little to secure the southern border from traffickers and terrorists.



“These policies are a flagrant attack on immigrants and our values as Americans,” said Beth Werlin, executive director of the American Immigration Council. “Our laws dictate that everyone receives a just and fair process, whether they have been in this country for decades or are arriving today in search of safety and protection.”

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## **Ryan Lays Out Ambitious 200-Day Congressional Agenda**

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PHILADELPHIA — House Speaker Paul D. Ryan is laying out an aggressive 200-day agenda that will have Congress rolling back regulations, repealing and replacing the 2010 health care law, funding a border wall, rewriting the tax code, expanding the veterans’ choice program, advancing an infrastructure package and avoiding a debt default — all before the August recess.

“It’s the president and his administration working hand and glove with the speaker and the majority leader,” New York Rep. Chris Collins told reporters after Ryan’s presentation at the start of the GOP retreat here on Wednesday. “It’s going to be hard. We’re going to be doing controversial things. The speaker’s message was, ‘None of this is going to be easy, and we’re going to be attacked by somebody regardless of what we do, so let’s buckle our seat belts and understand we have an obligation here.’”

Congress’ first move will be to start rolling back regulations from President Obama’s final months in office using the Congressional Review Act.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy wrote in a Wall Street Journal op-ed Wednesday that the House will begin that process next week. The first three regulations the GOP plans to repeal are the Interior Department’s stream protection rule, the EPA’s methane gas emissions standards and the Securities and Exchange Commission’s disclosure rule for resource extraction, the California Republican said.

The next few months will include a continued focus on the GOP’s effort to repeal and replace the health care law. Ryan said Wednesday the goal was to complete that effort this spring, members and aides said.

“It’s got two or three pieces,” Collins said. “Repeal and some part of replace can be in reconciliation. There’s 1,400 different items within Obamacare that can be done by [Health and Human Services Secretary-designee Tom Price] once he’s in, in that group, and then there will be other potential replacement pieces that aren’t appropriate in the reconciliation that can roll out one by each.”

Pennsylvania Rep. Charlie Dent said the timeline called for an initial reconciliation measure to President Donald Trump’s desk by the end of March.

After completing the fiscal 2017 reconciliation process for health care, Republicans will plan to use the fiscal 2018 budget reconciliation process to overhaul the tax code by the end of July, members and aides said.

Collins said the goal was to get the tax code rewrite to the president’s desk before the August recess, but other members and aides were unclear whether the Senate would be able to adhere to that timeline.

In addition to the health care and tax overhauls, which Republicans said are the top two priorities, other agenda items Ryan mentioned included expanding the veterans' choice program and avoiding default on the nation's borrowing obligations after a suspension of the debt ceiling lifts in March.

The speaker also said he expects the administration in the coming months to submit a supplemental appropriations request to obtain funding for a border wall, according to members and aides.

Collins and Dent said an infrastructure package was also added to the 200-day agenda at Trump's request. "No price tag came out," Collins said, but he noted the infrastructure package would "be moving along" by August.

The agenda Ryan laid out for the next six months is quite ambitious for a Congress that, in recent years, has moved only a handful of what could be considered major pieces of legislation. Last year, Republicans didn't even adopt a budget blueprint and fell way short of the goal they laid out during their 2016 retreat to pass all 12 appropriations bills.

It was not clear if the timeline Ryan laid out would apply to the Senate, which has a more cumbersome process for moving legislation on the floor. The Senate also has to use much of its floor time in the coming months to confirm Trump's Cabinet and administrative appointments.

While the GOP agenda this year is supported by Trump and his administration, it's an ambitious haul for a short time period. Leaders have said the House and Senate will work longer hours this year to accommodate their lengthy to-do list.

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### **President Donald Trump to publish weekly list of crimes committed by immigrants**

Republican plans to publicize 'criminal actions committed by aliens' and crack down on 'sanctuary' cities that protect migrants from being deported

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Donald Trump has ordered his new administration to publish a weekly list of crimes committed by immigrants.

The US President's sweeping new executive order on immigration, which he signed on the fifth day of his presidency, includes a paragraph mandating the Secretary for Homeland Security to "make public a comprehensive list of criminal actions committed by aliens" in the US.

The list will also include details of so-called "sanctuary cities" that refuse to hand over immigrant residents for deportation.

The order reads:

To better inform the public regarding the public safety threats associated with sanctuary jurisdictions, the Secretary shall utilize the Declined Detainer Outcome Report or its equivalent and, on a weekly

basis, make public a comprehensive list of criminal actions committed by aliens and any jurisdiction that ignored or otherwise failed to honor any detainers with respect to such aliens.”

It does not specify that only crimes committed by illegal immigrants should be included - raising the prospect of offences committed by any immigrant being published even if the person is living in the US legally.

The decision to publish a list of immigrant crimes is reminiscent of the ‘Black crime’ listings on Breitbart News - the far-right website that until recently was run by Steve Bannon, who is now Mr Trump’s chief strategist.

In an executive order titled "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements", Mr. Trump signed into law many of the pledges he made during his election campaign. These include building a wall along the US-Mexico border, deporting illegal immigrants, establishing new immigration detention centers and hiring 5,000 more Border Patrol agents.

The order claimed the measures were needed to “ensure the safety and territorial integrity of the United States” and said illegal immigrants “present a significant threat to national security and public safety”.

On signing the order, the President read out the names of US citizens who were murdered by illegal immigrants.

Mr. Trump has repeatedly promised to deport millions of undocumented migrants from the US. During the presidential campaign, he said: “We have some bad hombres, and we’re going to get them out”.

On the issue of Mexican immigrants, he said: “They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists and some, I assume, are good people”.

The Republican pledged to remove 11 million undocumented migrants from the US within the first two years of his presidency, although later said the real number would be “probably two million, even three million”. There are an estimated 820,000 undocumented migrants with criminal records in the US.

In response to Mr. Trump’s threat, the Democrat mayors of a number of large US cities, including New York, Chicago and Seattle, said they would refuse to co-operate with federal authorities attempting to deport immigrants. The Republican responded by saying he would starve such cities of federal funding, and has now signed this into law via a second executive order, signed on the same day and titled ‘Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States’.

This states that “sanctuary jurisdictions” are “not eligible to received Federal grants”.

However, some experts have suggested such a move could be illegal. US law says federal funds can only be withheld if a city or state refuses to do something directly related to the funding they are receiving.

For example, money earmarked for education or economic investment could not be withheld if a city refused to comply with immigration enforcement.

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## Courts and Congress may crimp Trump's immigration plans

Opponents are already lining up to litigate the sweeping moves — and Congress would need to shell out money to pay for parts of it.

POLITICO By Seung Min Kim  
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President Donald Trump's expansive immigration plans are about to crash into reality.

His vow to revive a controversial Bush-era immigration enforcement plan could trigger major conflicts between local cities and the feds. He'll need help from Congress to carry out his border security wish list, which will prompt a significant political battle on Capitol Hill. And advocacy groups are already threatening litigation over Trump's ambitious enforcement plans.

While Trump's far-reaching directive — rolled out in two executive orders on Wednesday — fulfills, for now, his chief campaign promise to crack down on illegal immigration, whether Trump's vision will ultimately come to life largely depends on two institutions out of his control: Congress and the courts.

"It's not all stuff he can necessarily do on his own," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports stricter immigration policies. "In a sense, the orders are a combination of directives and requests, if you think about it."

"This approach to enforcement is counterproductive to the goal that it intends to achieve," added Leon Fresco, a former top Justice Department official and immigration aide to Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.). "There's very little that can be done administratively that won't get tied up in litigation."

With much fanfare, Trump's White House unveiled the executive actions that would jump-start construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, bolster the number of enforcement agents and significantly broaden the list of offenses that may lead to undocumented immigrants becoming ensnared by immigration officials.

Among the most dramatic policy changes from Trump are his plans to bring back Secure Communities, an aggressive immigration enforcement program that began under President George W. Bush in 2008 and was used by President Barack Obama until he began phasing it out in November 2014.

At its core, Secure Communities allowed federal immigration officials, using fingerprint data, to call on local jails to detain immigrants suspected of being in the country illegally. Parts of the program have been ruled unconstitutional by federal courts, and it's an open question whether cities — big or small — will want to join an initiative that could land them in legal hot water, experts say.

That's even with the threat of revoked federal funding from the Trump administration, which also said Wednesday it would cut off money from so-called sanctuary cities that defy cooperation requests from federal immigration officials. The rise of sanctuary cities has been fueled by programs such as Secure Communities, which relied heavily on local authorities to carry out immigration enforcement.

"It's not just Philadelphia or Chicago or San Francisco, there are over 500 localities ... around the country who have said, I'm reading the same court decisions and my counsel is telling me I am held liable when you get it wrong," said Jonathan Blazer, the advocacy and policy counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union. "And they're getting it wrong all the time."

Trump's immigration enforcement plans are sure to get tangled up in litigation, raising questions about the future of his far-reaching directive. Advocates for undocumented immigrants have already vowed to sue over the president's proposals, which they believe will trigger a wave of racial profiling and unconstitutional practices.

"We're definitely looking at litigation as one of our strongest tools," said Marielena Hincapie, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center. "In order for this to be implemented in a way that satisfies what appears to be Trump's vision, the only way to do that is by overreaching and running afoul of the Constitution."

Mayors of liberal cities were already denouncing the directive, with Marty Walsh in Boston and Bill de Blasio in New York City declaring that their cities are safe for undocumented immigrants — and how that won't change even in the light of Trump's unilateral actions.

"The stroke of a pen in Washington does not change the people of New York City or our values," de Blasio said Wednesday. "We will not deport law abiding New Yorkers. We will not tear families apart."

Even murkier is the future of Trump's prized border wall and accompanying boost in security personnel.

The Trump administration can't simply shuffle federal funding around to pay for the president's immigration plans. First of all, Congress has the power to designate how taxpayer dollars should be spent. And there's probably not a lot of cash to move around anyway, according to immigration experts — particularly in an age where the federal government is running on stopgap funding measures and money is already scarce.

Fresco said: "If all you're going to do is re-appropriate funds, and you could find someone who takes a camera picture of the 2,000-mile border today and a year from now, it would be very hard to tell which picture is which."

Bowing to that reality, both the White House and top lawmakers already say Congress will have to step in with additional funding to ensure Trump's border wall is fully executed and more agents can get hired. Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) told Republicans in a closed-door session at the GOP retreat in Philadelphia that Congress will take up a supplemental appropriations bill to help implement Trump's plan.

One senior congressional Republican official said several provisions would definitely need additional sign-off from Capitol Hill — such as completing the wall, expanding immigrant detention facilities, and bolstering border patrol personnel. Such major reinforcements in border security, without the promise of a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, are almost sure to attract little support from Democrats.

"He might be able to move some money around, but this is an expensive grocery list," the GOP official said. "Can't buy it all with cash in hand." But for now, Trump's chief aim may be sending a message that he is ushering in a new era of immigration enforcement, experts say — and whether it actually occurs is to be determined.

"A lot of this is about sending signals," added Theresa Cardinal Brown, director of immigration policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center. "We have to see how it plays out."

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