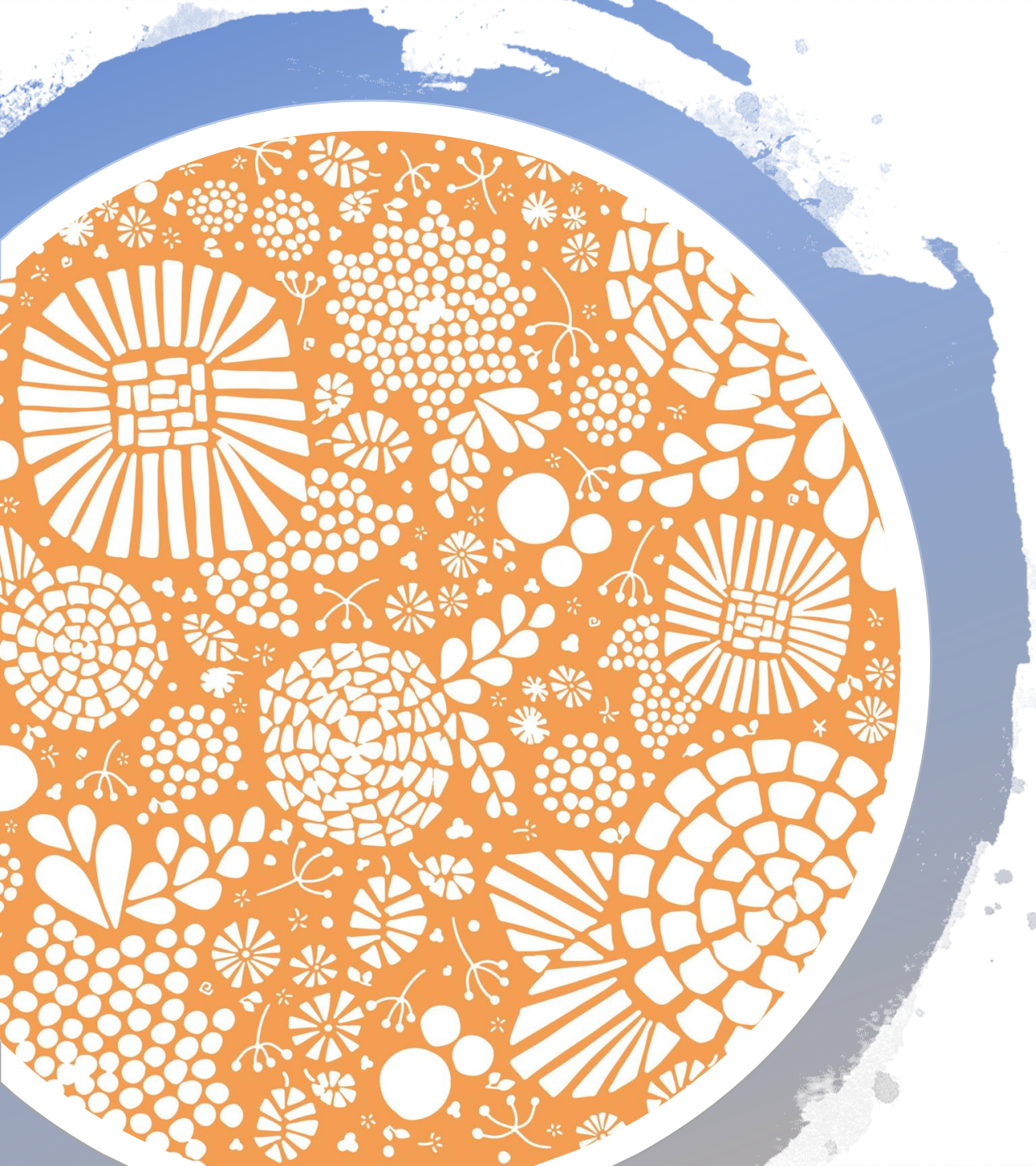


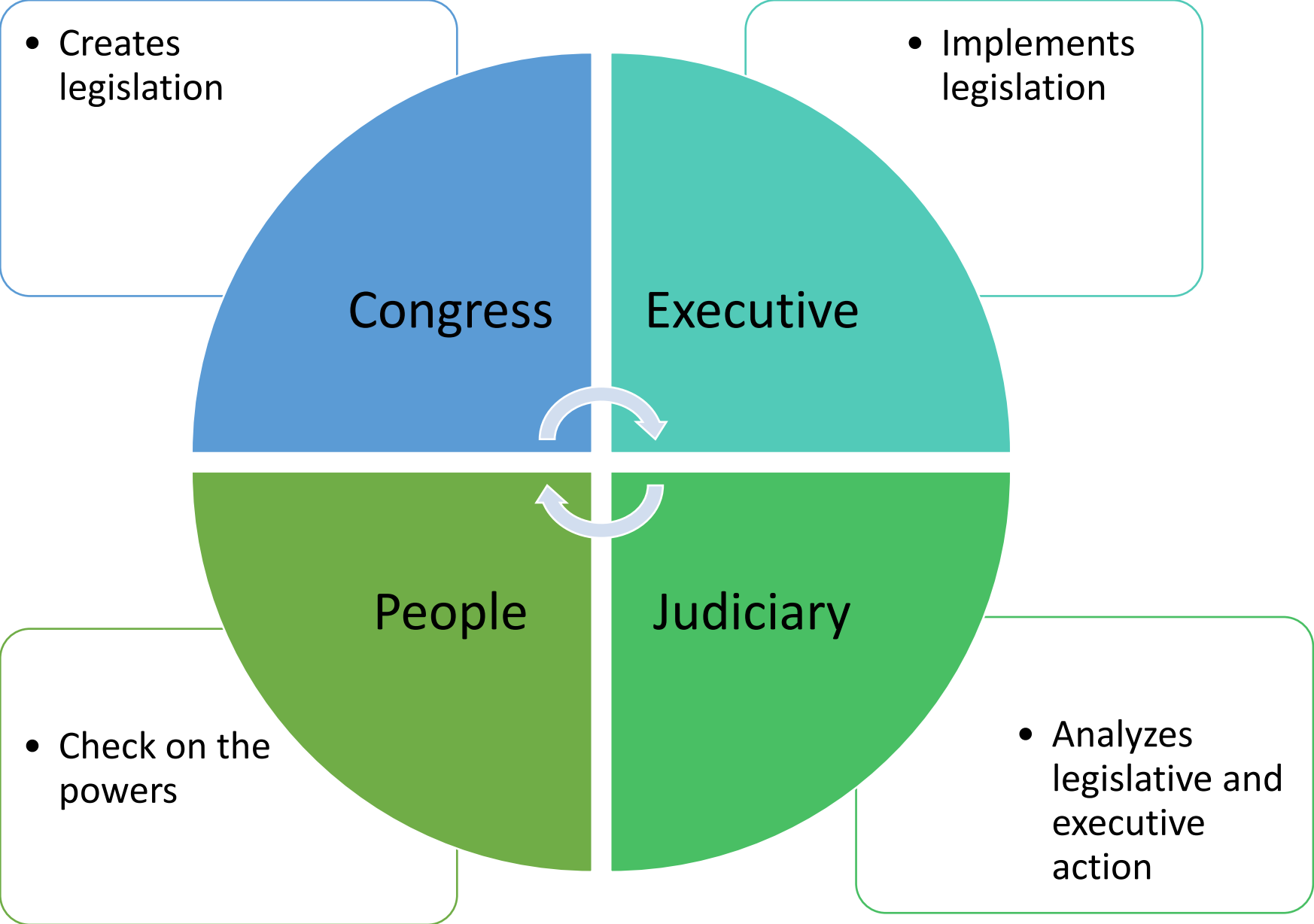


Raise Your Voice:  
Comment to DHS on  
Regulations Impacting T Visas

The Advocates for Human Rights



# How do Regulations/Executive Agencies Work?



# What are Regulations?

Regulations are binding, formal standards for how the agency implements legislation

The Executive generally must request, review and respond to comments by the public/interested parties before finalizing rules

Anyone can submit comments on regulations, and there is no specific format required.

Why is  
commenting  
important?

## Raising your Voice, Raising Concerns

- This is a great way to let your voice be heard in support of issues you care about and good governance
- Comments create a record of concerns that can be raised in future litigation





What is this specific opportunity about?

# Commenting on Regulations Related to T Visa

## What is the T Visa?

- Non-immigrant visa for victims of trafficking
  - Allows holder to remain in the U.S. in T non-immigrant status for up to four years
- Created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and its reauthorizations (TVPRA)
- Purposes:
  - Support/protect noncitizen victims of trafficking
  - Encourage noncitizen victims of trafficking to report and cooperate with law enforcement without fear of immigration consequences

# T Visa Regulations

Describe who is eligible for a T visa as a victim of trafficking

Outline the application requirements and process

Detail who is eligible as a derivative of the applicant

Outline bars to eligibility and waivers

Detail which law enforcement agencies can sign endorsements

Detail processes for adjustment of status for T nonimmigrants



What are  
some issues  
about which  
AHR is  
commenting?

Bars to T visa eligibility for people removed

Employment authorization while T application pending

Protections in removal proceedings for trafficking victims and derivatives

Protections for minors who are victims

Involvement of state/local law enforcement agencies

# LEARN MORE:

**Agency/Docket Numbers:**

CIS No. 2507-11

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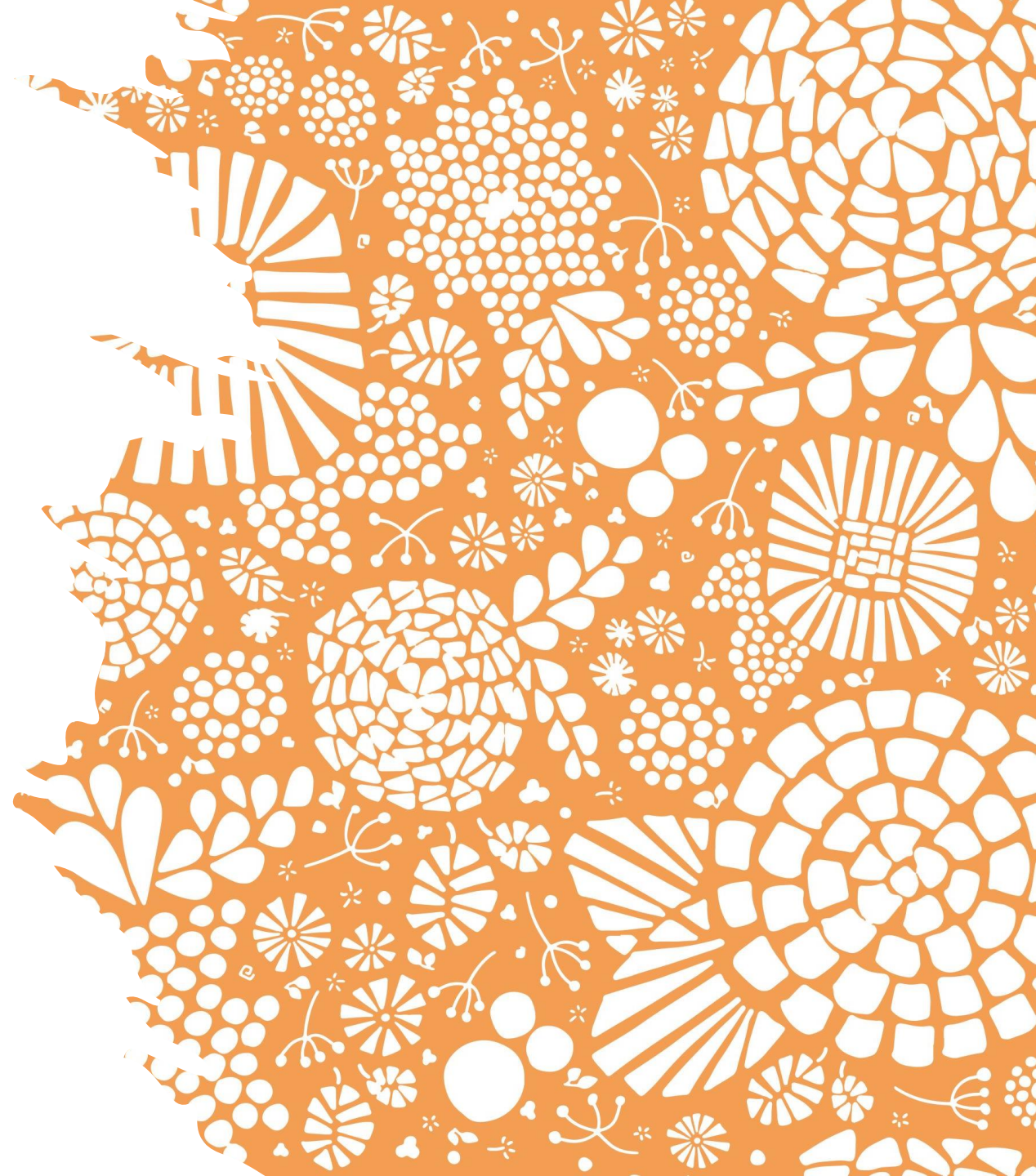
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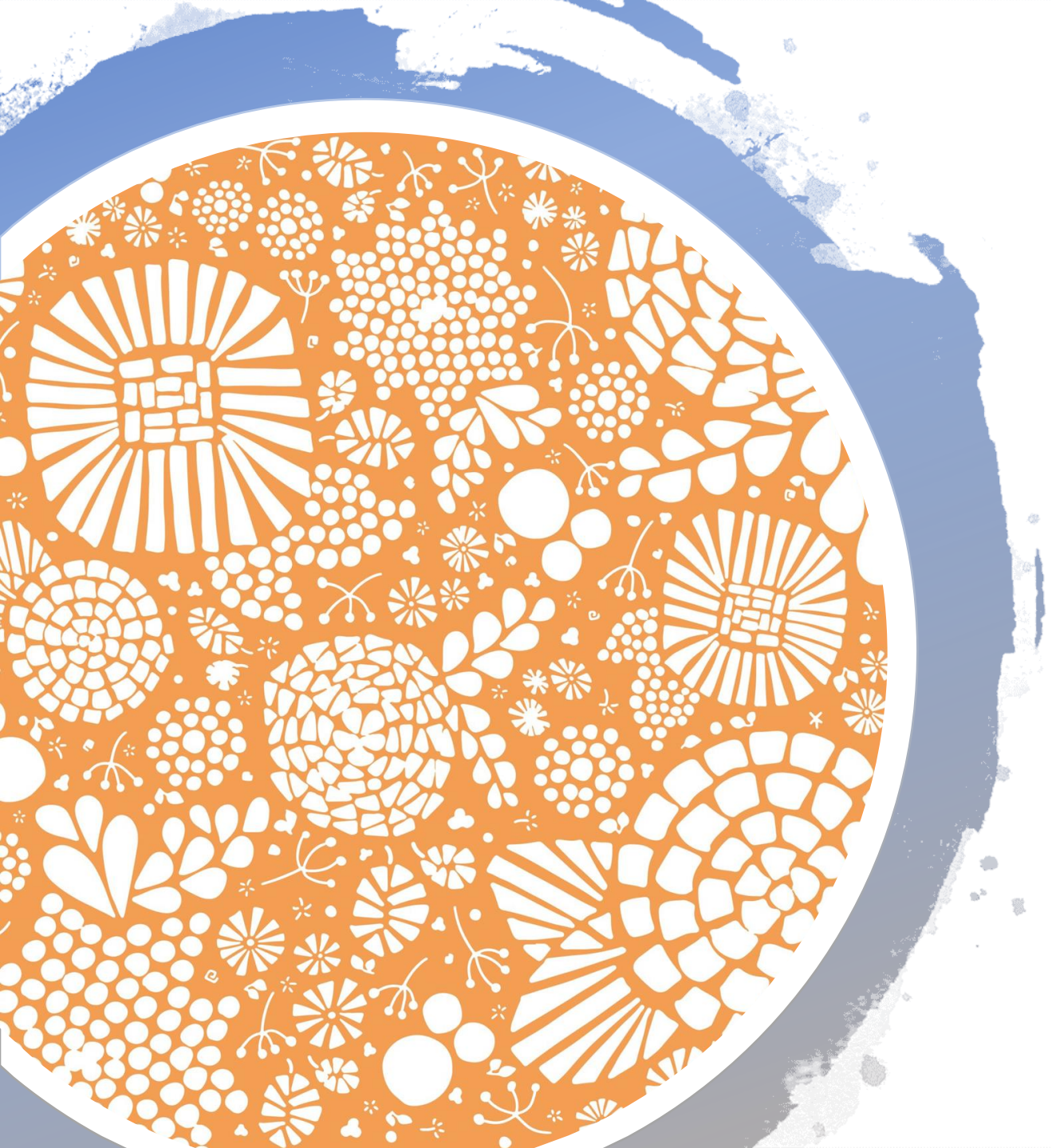
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# How to Comment



Personalize our model comment

Create your own comment

SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORK!

# What to Include in a Comment

## **Who you are and why you are interested**

include personal or professional interests, background, experience with trafficking, etc.

## **Summary of your top concerns or suggestions**

### **Detailed outline of your comments and suggestions**

Include references to regulation number, etc. where possible

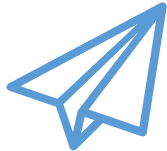
Include data or other evidence if available

PERSONALIZE the information

# Format of Comments



No required format– this does not have to be written like a brief or other legal document



Comments must be submitted online



**Any length** is acceptable



You can, but are not required to, sign your comment



Provide your name and contact information



The government  
must *receive*  
your comment  
**by *September***  
***14, 2021***

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