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Please accept my recommendation regarding maintenance of the current fee structure for naturalization processes in the U.S. The increase poses a significant hardship to individuals who have been legally admitted to the U.S. and have set about to cooperate with U.S. expectations to become citizens of our country. For many the ability to earn and set aside the current fees is difficult and the additional amounts virtually impossible to accumulate. While the department of immigration budget concerns may be driving the increase in fees, the goals of the department are most effectively met by providing naturalization opportunity for persons who have immigrated and wish to become permanent U.S. citizens. I recommend alternate means be developed to address budget or other issues, means that enhance the relationship with the citizens-to-be and help them realize their hope of becoming citizens rather than pose an obstacle that for many is insurmountable. Thank you very much for accepting comments and recommendations on this issue.

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