

Dear Director of Regulatory Management Division:

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the increased fee schedule proposed by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on February 1, 2007. The fee increases are alarming and detrimental to low income immigrant families, e.g., an increase from \$330 to \$595 (not counting \$80 for biometrics) for Naturalization, \$190 to \$290 for Renew/Replace Permanent Resident Card, \$190 to \$355 for Petition for Alien Relative, and \$325 to \$905 for Adjustment of Status to Permanent Resident.

USCIS claims that they need the fee increases to cover costs. However, we firmly believe that there are many ways to cover costs of USCIS operations. Contracting with not-for-profit community-based organizations to process applications through an open bidding process would solve the issue of a high cost operation. Elimination of unnecessary applications and bureaucracy would be cost effective. Perhaps there is a need to review all of the application forms to see whether they are necessary. For example, is it a *must* to renew permanent resident cards? Could USCIS issue citizenship certificates to children at the time when their parent is naturalized without having to apply for a certificate (N-600)?

We request that you reconsider such a drastic increase of immigration fees.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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