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Dear Director,

I have just seen the proposed increase in Green Card fees (from \$325 to \$905) and Citizenship fees (from \$330 to \$595) and I am appalled.

When we are a nation that willingly takes in legal refugees and others from difficult circumstances, it seems absurd to tax them an exorbitant rate to become eligible for citizenship. Many of these people come to the U.S. with minimal, if any, language skills, little to no money, and no matter what their previous profession, they are starting at the bottom for new employment. Many professionals are forced to become janitors because we don't recognize their educational level.

These people could spend a lifetime trying to acquire enough savings in order to "buy" their gift of green card/citizenship. We are essentially giving them no more than "guest worker" status, which is what this proposed law will in fact make them,

I strongly protest this high-handed and bureaucratic effort to limit citizenship to those oppressed groups who are legally entering this country.

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