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To: OSComments

Subject: Support for Higher Immigration Fees

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed new schedule of fees for immigration services (DHS Docket No. USCIS-2006-0044.)

I believe the higher fees are quite reasonable and prudent in terms of the immense individual value realized by the applying immigrant and by the current and prospective rising costs to our taxpayers in the administration of immigration.

First, the immigrants and their patrons abroad and in the US should understand that these higher costs are *de minimis* in terms of future earning and other benefits of the immigrant. They are the real winners in this process. The taxpayers should not have to subsidize the process. Second, the new fees could have a small positive effect on the number of fraudulent claims as well as providing additional resources for the investigation of those claims. Third, as we now seem headed, and with the mentality of congress, immigration is very likely to grow even faster than in the past decade. It is best that we begin building a fund for resources to be ready for this coming administrative/enforcement workload.

Finally, many non-profits assisting immigrants already receive federal, state and local grants to help them in their programs. This provides an opportunity to recover some of those funds. Those same non-profits are also supported by huge tax-exempt philanthropic foundations and charities that can afford to bear more of the costs of "immigrantization" of the USA. AS work related visas grow as a category, major corporate users of H1-B and their law firms are realizing considerable profits in their facilitation of importation of cheaper labor. They can also afford to bear the higher costs.

Please stick to your present proposal. The country will be better off for it.

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