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Director, Regulatory Management Division
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RE: DHS Docket # USCIS -2006-0044
Proposed Rule- Increasing Immigration Fees

Please allow me to introduce myself as, Bernice Funk, attorney. I have practiced immigration law more than 20 years. I have represented numerous persons who could not afford the USCIS-required fees.

For a family, resident processing fees now can cost thousands of dollars. There should not be a higher financial bar to achieving immigration status. It is not right to keep persons "undocumented" when they are entitled to US residence *but for* high processing fees.

I am writing to plead for justice and mercy for those legally immigrating persons who will not be able to afford the proposed fee increases and USCIS elimination of fee waivers. As stated, the existing fee schedule is already prohibitive for some. The proposed fee increase is extreme, unfair, and unwise.

Please retract the proposed fee increase and retain the existing fee waiver system.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.


Bernice Funk