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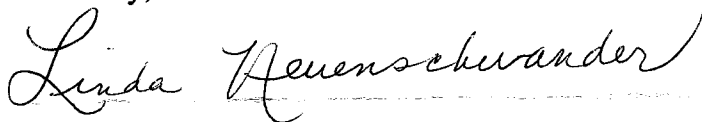
Director, Regulatory Management Division  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)  
Department of Homeland Security  
111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
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Washington, D.C. 20529

Dear Mr. Emilio T. Gonzalez:

I am writing as a U.S. citizen to voice my strong opposition to the proposed fee increases by USCIS. The proposed increases are excessive and will create yet one more obstacle for individuals seeking to adjust their immigration status. These fee increases will place too heavy a burden on the backs of immigrants, many of whom cannot shoulder the excessive costs and will be forced to postpone their dreams of becoming U.S. citizens or that will have to remain separated from their families. Some of these fees will increase as much as 178%! This is an unheard of and extreme increase, at best. I am embarrassed as a citizen born in the U.S. to ask immigrants, many of whom will be a great asset to America, to shoulder an unreasonable and ludicrous monetary increase in fees to become Americans for no moral reason.

I urge the USCIS to work with Congress to create an alternative and permanent funding stream that will support USCIS operations. I call on Congressional leaders to fund immigration services and policies that benefit families rather than spend millions of dollars to underwrite policies centered on arrests, detention, and deportation, which cause untold hardships for families and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Neuenschwander". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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