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<h2 style="margin: 0;">FAX COVER SHEET</h2>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">                     Sant La's mission is to empower, strengthen and stabilize South Florida's Haitian community by providing free access to information and existing services to ensure its transition from a struggling immigrant community to a successful and stable one                 </div>	

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Again, let me express our strong opposition to the proposed fee hike which is arbitrary, unconscionable and tantamount to price gouging by an agency with complete and total monopoly over the process. It reinforces the strongly held belief in our community that our work ethic and our reputation as hard and dependable workers will never be rewarded. I strongly urge the USCIS to offer user fees which remain reasonable, accessible to all hard working immigrants wishing to become citizens and equitable to

many elderly retirees, hoping to become US citizens. deleterious in elderly households where such fees will exceed monthly benefits earned by \$905, represent for some, 75% of their monthly income. The impact will be even more where the cost of living exceeds the average wage, the proposed fees, some as high as paying US citizens, making unspeakable sacrifices to reunite their families. In a city holding multiple minimum wage jobs. These are individuals, many of whom are tax-women who work extremely hard to take care of their families here and in Haiti while immigrants in the lowest paying occupations in Miami-Dade County. These are men and immigrants with the means to pay such steep fees. We work and serve hard working I must respectfully state that such a decision is elitist, undemocratic and clearly favors

On behalf of community-based organizations serving Haitian and Haitian Americans living in Miami-Dade County, I am writing to express our serious concerns over the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recent announcement that filing fees for the most frequently filed petitions and applications may increase by an average of 66%. What that means in actual terms is that the application for citizenship will jump from \$400 to \$595, the application for permanent residence will increase from \$325 to \$905 and the petition for a relative (I-130) will increase from \$190 to \$335.

To Whom It May Concern:

DHS Docket Number: USCIS-2006-0044

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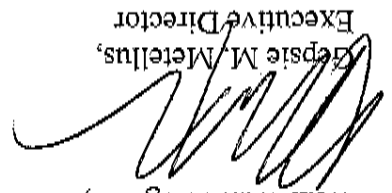
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US citizens wishing to be reunited with family members. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

With Warm Regards,



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