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USCIS Comments

Dear USCIS Comments:

I am writing to you as an international educator in opposition to the February 1, 2007, proposed rule "Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule." The United States cannot close it's borders to the international community with these indirect barriers. It is already much more difficult and expensive to get student visa's to the US in comparison to other countries, such as; Canada, UK and Australia. Why is the government pushing to increase fees

when we have to do exactly the opposite to compete with other democratic

and modern countries?

The U.S. has been loosing it's competitive edge in the education business since Sept. 11 and this petition will only hurt it more. Other countries

are being more and more aggressive in finding ways to lure international

students to their schools. The U.S. government is going the other direction and taking an almost "arrogant" position towards the international student community.

USCIS must reconsider the role of appropriated funds to meet the administrative needs of the agency. I ask that fees be reduced to the actual cost of processing the application or petition.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you agree that the United States' international reputation in education is critical to the country's world wide interests in promoting democracy, peace and a better understanding among cultures.

Sincerely,

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