

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed fee and other changes for 2008-2009. I agree changes are needed and the system must be upgraded and electronic data use in place of paper documents when possible. The problem I have is that I am currently in the beginning of the process as my NOA-1 was posted at the California office on December 27. I have not received any communication on the status other than the original one sent to me on 1/8/07. (Case pending) I understand there are other cases being processed in order before mine but I do not think I should have to pay the increase in fees as I will not benefit from any as my case should be completed before 2008.

But I will still have to pay the largest fee, which is the removal of conditional to permanent resident status sometime in probably 2009. I do not think this is fair and the cases that are in process now should not bear the burden of ones that come after who will reap the benefits. The increase should start with new applicants after the new fees are formally approved. I have had to spend so much time and money just to bring my fiancée here that now my credit has suffered from having to use credit cards to pay for the current fees. So my credit score has dropped and I am unable to qualify for even a low income housing unit that I could have easily qualified for a year ago.

This is all I ask - grandfather the new fees in and do not make the people who have had to go through the difficult and costly process at present pay for future applicants who will have their Visas done in a much quicker and easier system. I thank you for your offer to comment.

Best Regards,

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