To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting a commment on the USCIS proposed increase on the processing fees of most of its applications and petitions. While I understand the necessity to increase the fees to be able to process documents in a timely manner, I believe the proposed increases are too high.

Examples of the proposed fees include:
OPT (I-765) current: $180, proposed new fee: $340
Change of status (I-539) current: $200, proposed new fee: $300
Replace lost I-94 (I-102) current: $160, proposed new fee: $320

The above examples will put an added finacial burden on students trying to earn a degree. As I review the list of proposed hikes to the processing fees that are listed on the NAFSA website; there are many fees that double and still others that nearly triple the processing fee. I would be interested to understand how the USCIS determined the increase of these fees. I understand that there have been delays and backlogs in the processing of USCIS fees; however, it is hard to believe that doubling the fee to process these documents will somehow make the problem go away.

I think the thing that bothers me most is that the USCIS has been notorious for delays in processing and lack of service... and now they want to increase the fees extensively. As an advocate for our students, I believe that such an astronomical increase of the processing fees unfairly punishes the Students and Immigrants for the USCIS's inability to efficiently and effectively process forms.

I am not against a marginal increase; however, in the business world, it would be unheard of to give a raise to a person that continues to show that they are ineffective.

Please rconsider the reducing the increase of the proposed fees.

Sincerely,

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