

March 1, 2007

Director, Regulatory Mgt. Division
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration
Services (USCIS)

Dept. of Homeland Security
111 Massachusetts Ave, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20529

Dear Director:

I was appalled to learn that the USCIS is proposing to increase the permanent residency application fee from \$325 to \$905 and the naturalization application fee from \$330 to \$595. Many of our immigrant neighbors are already struggling in low-paying, hard-working jobs. This seems to me practically highway robbery. Have a heart - life is already tough

for these decent people who merely want to give their families a future.

I also work for a university and we are trying to attract minorities to make our university more diverse (and thus a broader educational experience for all), and this will put a further damper on our attracting international students and professors to our campus.

Therefore, please find other means of supporting USCIS operations. Work with congressional leaders to secure the necessary funds. Don't burden those least in a position to pay such exorbitant fees. Thank you.

Sincerely, Berit Westby

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