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To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to reconsider the plan to raise the fees charged for processing immigration applications.

Many people have been brought to this country by family members who have struggled to earn the transportation fees and then to support the family members until they are able to find work. Many of the persons applying were brought here in the wombs of their mothers or as infants and toddlers. For all practical purposes, the ARE U.S. citizens. Those who apply are working and have managed to learn English. If one considers, remittances in addition to the foregoing, they are certainly productive citizens. And, finally, this is just a scam to enable corporations to enact the guest worker program and pay both citizens and noncitizens lower wages without health and pension benefits.

It is a national disgrace to make U.S. citizenship unaffordable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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