From: Mark McNair [mailto:msmcnair@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2007 7:23 PM

To: OSComments

Subject: USCIS-2006-0044 Comment

Dear sirs:

I have just read that the Immigration Service is considering a raise in the fees for immigration applications. My great grandparents were poor Eastern Europeans. Had there been steep fees for their entry, I wouldn't be here. From such humble beginnings, my grandfather became what would now be equivalent to a millionaire.

I think it is a serious mistake to raise the fees for incoming immigrants. The majority of immigrant come to America for a better life, because their present situation leaves something to be desired. How can we require that they already have a high standard of living before they have arrived?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Martha D. McNair Craddockville, Virginia