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After reading the information contained in this proposal I notice and approve of the idea of streamlining the K-3 process, and changing over to an electronic processing platform from the current paper based process.

What is not in this proposal are specific costs for the upgrade.
USCIS reports that over 84% of all information and customer service interactions are self-service. Applicants can also access recorded information (including information about the status of their specific case) 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

This means that the computer systems are already in place to process the needed information. What more is needed in this area?

I also notice the enormous jump in fees, adjusted for inflation in processing the documents. The growth in charges between 1989 and 1991, when many fees doubled is especially distressing and probably unfounded.

I believe many of the fee increases in this proposal are unfounded and are simply an attempt to grow the power and control of an agency already out of control.

Homeland Security seems to be more interested in growing it's bureaucracy and power than in protecting the United States by this proposal.

A case in point is the ITI program which was suspended in 2003 with a promise that it would be reinstated or made secure in a short period of time.

To date nothing has been done to reinstate this program which simply allows passengers to walk from one aircraft in an international terminal to another, all the time being under surveillance of security personnel.

This has increased the processing of visas enormously since a person now needs a visa simply to walk between planes.

If this burden was removed, as it could easily be, many of the extra personnel currently involved in this useless process could be used where actually needed.

Expanding the number of Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS) checks should not be funded by persons applying in a legal manner for entry to the United States through K-1, K3, and other types of visas where the person entering is a negligible or non existent risk to the security of the country.

The idea of a young female from the Philippines, CIS, or Latin American countries being a security is a ludicrous notion and they and their fiances or spouses should not bear the burden.

Until where the increase in revenues are specified and USCIS is required to justify why they are needed and required to use them in those specific areas this proposal should not be implemented.

Since my K-3 application will be completed before this proposal takes affect this will not affect me.

It will affect many other deserving applicants in the future.