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Hi,

Thanks for a chance to comment on the new proposed fee increases for immigration benefits.

I think that the USCIS has the right to increase fees to whatever level is deemed necessary for its operations but that should be done without attempting to pull the wool over its clients eyes.

The fee increase for I -485, Adjustment of Status is predicated on an acknowledgement that it will take well beyond a year for adjudication on these applications which seems contradictory to the goals of the USCIS. I notice that the emphasis is on **processing** and for persons already in the system we realize that the USCIS has moved up processing dramatically but it is not being equated at the adjudication level. However, it is quite clear that **Name Check** is now being used as the s'cape goat' and holding area for the vast amount of applications being processed but which the agency is incapable of adjudicating in a timely manner.

What we need is honesty and unfortunately that is not forthcoming. It does no good to be less than honest. As immigrants, the vast majority of us are hardworking, honest and willing to pay what is justifiable in exchange for honest and reasonable service. Unfortunately for many that is not the case and we feel that it will be a matter of paying much more for the same tardy and inefficient service.

I am particularly distressed that Mr. Gonzalez, himself an immigrant, continue to perpetuate and even elevate the dishonesty that now exists.

My humble suggestion is that the USCIS be completely honest in its fee increases, statements about processing, adjudication, and any promise for the delivery of future services.

I have been in the I-485 process awaiting name check clearance for over 19 moths, on our third EAD and AP for a family of four, finger prints have expired and no notification for new ones and at this point having no idea when adjudication will take place,. so I know what I am talking about.

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