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Emilio Gonzalez  
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Dear Emilio Gonzalez:

Good evening.

A very disturbing trend in government practice over the past decades has been to widen the economic gap between the rich and the poor. Under the guise of avoiding tax increases, fees have grown exorbitant. These fees are seldom based on income level, and hence fall disproportionately on the poor.

At the same time, immigrants continue to come into the country. This is a desirable thing, as people who want to be here push the country forward in many ways. Most immigrants have almost no money. Raising citizenship and green card fees will only serve to keep out the people we should be welcoming the most. In turn, we will have that many more "illegal" immigrants.

If anything, citizenship fees should go DOWN. Progressive taxes should pay for the budget of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. At the very least, please hold the line on current fees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Monroe

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