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I've just read that the fees for citizenship are to be raised to almost double of what it is now. I became a citizen a couple of years back and didn't have a problem paying the amount needed to file, but I'm sure that a lot of people, who don't make as much as my husband and I, had to sacrifice something else to pay those fees. There are a lot of hardworking immigrants in this country, who might barely make more than minimum wage, who have children to take care of, and would love to become a citizen once they qualify, but who would already have a hard time paying the amount necessary now. I doubt very much they'd be able to afford almost \$600. Especially considering they'd probably want their children to be citizens too (if they aren't already).

I thought maybe the fee schedule could be arranged by family income (and number of dependents) rather than the same for everyone? I know a lot of folks who do manual labor etc and who make maybe half of what I make, and I think their work is just as important to society, and I believe they should get a break with these fees. Also if more than one family member applies at the same time, maybe a discount could apply? Of course these are just ideas, but I felt quite strongly about this, so I thought I'd write in for some comments.

Thanks for your time

Sincerely

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