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Dear Director,

I am a citizenship teacher at Chicago Uptown Chinese Mutual Aid Association.

My students and I have a suggestion regarding the N400 application fee. First, we understand that CIS needs to collect fees to process applications. However, we, the applicants who are low income families and want to become US citizens, consider that it is a privilege to become a US citizen. (I believe that it is my privilege to teach them citizenship.)

Therefore, we propose setting the minimum application fee at \$400.00 and have the fee vary according to each applicant's earnings, which appear on his/her latest 1040 income tax return, based on page 1, line 37. If he/she makes \$50,000 or more, the fee would be \$500.00; \$60,000 or more, the fee would be \$600.00; up to \$100,000 or more would pay \$1,000.00 which is the maximum. Each applicant should attach the copy of the most recent 1040 with N400 application.

America is the land of opportunity. Some new immigrants really make their fortune in America. To share their fortune with the less fortunate so they can become US citizens is a good way to learn American values.

My undersigned students and I propose this approach to collect the N400 application fee.

Respectfully yours,

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