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Dear Sirs;

As a U.S. Citizen and former Immigrant, I am appalled and outraged at this current blatant attempt to extort funds from potential legal immigrants and/or discourage them from applying for immigrant status in the first place.

Using the excuse that "more cash will make us more efficient"(?), my own clearly remembered ordeal of immigrating (from Australia, no less, what was I thinking!), leads me to offer a Reality Check for you people;

It will take more than *money* to get this department ANY kind of competence, speed, or efficiency.

I well remember the seven-year backlog to the "You may apply for Naturalization after two years?" fiasco in the 1970's. {Immigrating-with Green Card in '77, couldn't even begin the process 'til '84!}

If you wish to stop people from migrating to the U.S., then I suggest you simply close the borders, erect a 20,000 volt fence between us, Canada & Mexico, shut down the airports etc. and USCIS can all go & play golf all day, while retiring on a nice Federal. Pension, which we immigrants, by our hard work and Federal taxes are funding for your benefit, we just get SSI.

A cost of living increase certainly makes sense, but blatant price gouging like this for the same dismal service is a disgrace!

**Yours Truly,
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