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Emilio Gonzalez
USCIS Director

Dear Emilio Gonzalez:

I oppose the plan of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to raise the costs of applying for American citizenship so drastically.

It is important to allow immigrants the affordable chance to become citizens. This is an example of the federal government being }penny wise and pound foolish." Let's find the money from another source not on the backs of the people applying to be citizens.

USCIS is one of the few government agencies that operates primarily on user fees, yet it plans to put an additional burden on people already working as hard as possible to become lawful U.S. citizens. Naturalization for a family of four would rise to \$2,430.

Congress should appropriate the funds necessary to allow thousands of hard-working immigrants to gain citizenship at a cost they can afford and USCIS should absolutely not enact these dramatic increases.

Sincerely,

Doug and Karen Seidman

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