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Hello,

I am very concerned about the hike in naturalization fees that are being planned. I work with refugees with very limited income and the hike would create a significant financial burden especially when you consider that the fee increase will be multiplied by the number of family members. The increase could make applying for citizenship prohibitive.

I am sure that the initial intent of this increase in fees is to raise funds for improvements, but what it actually does is contribute to making citizenship in this country a privilege of the rich. When we as a nation make a commitment to allow refugees to make our country theirs, I believe we have an obligation to make citizenship accessible regardless of one's financial standing. Please consider leaving the fees as they are or , if not, creating a waiver or discount specifically for low income people eligible otherwise for citizenship.

Thank you,

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