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To: OSComments

Subject: Petitions against proposed USCIS Filing Fees Increase

Dear Dr. Gonzalez:

Attached, please find petitions signed by immigrants, family members, and friends against the proposed steep filing fee increases. The wording of the petitions is as follows:

"As immigrants applying for citizenship at the statewide Citizenship Day workshops organized in Washington State on March 24th 2007, and their families and friends, we are writing to oppose the proposed steep fee increases for immigration (DHS Docket # USCIS-2006-0044), especially the fees to reunite family members, to apply for a green card and for citizenship. These fees are especially difficult for those of us working at minimum wages and those of us with large families."

"We are afraid these fees will prevent or delay many legal immigrants in our community from achieving the American dream of U.S. citizenship."

"The American government should welcome hardworking, patriotic immigrants like us who want to be part of the United States, not put barriers in our way. Keep the door to the American Dream open to those of us who want to pursue it."

"Thank you for your favorable consideration."

Please think seriously about the impact the fee increases will have on these hardworking people who contribute so much to our country.

Sincerely,

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