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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to give you my feelings on this proposal and hope that more rational heads will disallow this.

I have been intimately involved with the entire immigration procedures and I find this new proposal to be vindictive and mean spirited like no other proposal I have come across in some time. It has little to do with needing more money but an overt attempt to make the procedures based on economics even more Draconian. Many, but not all, of the personnel working for Immigration, having specific duties involved in the actual procedures relating to initially applying to finally receiving citizenship are simply not doing their job and, in fact, are wasting the Governments money by doing as little work as possible. It does not take that much time to open a file and make a decision on how to handle that particular case. For the most part, files remain closed and only after a lawyer has had to be paid to pursue the file does it get opened and some type of decision made. The costs for an average immigrant to get their green card goes way beyond the mere filing fees demanded. Cost of time, energy and other monies to finally get their case looked at is almost criminal.

To get a green card or other chances to become a legal resident or a citizen should not become such a stressful endeavor. It is common practice for the person interviewing the immigrant to make life as difficult as possible with questionable arguments and demands that cannot be overruled or appealed. If a person has all the paperwork required and has been fingerprinted and investigated there is no reason for them to be constantly humiliated by those in power. Lawyers know of hundreds of these type of persons who seemingly are given the green light to do this. Becoming a citizen or legal resident should be a time of wonderful celebration and opportunity to brighten the life of these people. By adding more money will not improve the lot of these people in time since it is the unwritten policy of Immigration to take as much time as they want and make the individuals jump through as many hoops as they decide to demand. The money is going to pay higher salaries to those in charge, more benefits and nothing will change. It is

my contention that considerate and effective workers could clear the backlog of these offices within 60 days without resorting to additional funding and I would respectfully request that this new regulation be dismissed or denied. Having more people will only inflate the already overinflated budgets and staffs and will just create new problems of bureaucratic incompetence.

Respectfully yours,

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