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To: OSComments

Subject: DHS Docket No. USCIS- 2006-0044

Dear sir or madam,

I am writing with concern about proposed fee hikes on immigration petitions. The increase is a substantial burden to aliens. \$985 (including biometrics) to file for adjustment of status? Even for a normal middle American family, that's a lot of money. For an alien family making \$22,000 it's a crippling fee. This increase will unfortunately lead to more frivolous filings by unscrupulous notorios who have no problem preying on desperate aliens. These sort of actions by the govt is sending a message to immigration communities that the government is not your friend. This is hardly the message one should be sending to improve national security.

Please rethink this action and remember that we are a nation of immigrants - it is in our best interest to help aliens assimilate to our culture, not to push them away.

Respectfully,

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