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Subject: DHS Docket No. USCIS-2006-0044

Dear Director,

I am writing to you to ask that immigration and naturalization fees NOT be increased to the levels of the proposed changes. An increase in these fees is counter productive and forces immigrants into meeting the self fulfilling prophecy of the anti-immigrant mentality. Immigrants are often accused of not wanting to assimilate. The proposed increase in the fee structure will force people to not assimilate because they are being priced out of the ability to do so, and thus the myth is perpetuated.

I believe it will be more efficient and effective to include a realistic fee structure as part of an overall comprehensive and positive immigration reform package so that the fee structure helps ensure the success of positive immigration reform.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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