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Subject:

To whom it may concern,

I am a law abiding citizen of the USA. I don't live off of welfare and yet I am struggling. Let me tell you why. My husband went to Mexico and is waiting on his immigration appointment. Which so far has taken 2 years and several months. I am curious as to why the customer service of the greatest county in the world costs to speak to someone in immigration and yet you can't get a straight answer out of anyone. I am employing a lawyer to help with this process but he knows about as much as I do. My husband cannot come back to this country until he gets his immigration appointment in Juarez, Mexico because it's the law. Yet I can barely make ends meet for my children and myself. I understand why there are so many illegal aliens in this country, they can't wait 3-4 years to eat, or can they? Then I stop to ponder, maybe it would be better, if I just did what everyone else did and live off food stamps/housing/medicaid and then I wouldn't have to struggle so much with working and waiting on this wonderful immigration system that we have. I know you probably see millions upon millions of e-mails a day and this is another e-mail that will get deleted without regard too. Just stop and think of what I am saying, I see hundreds and hundreds of hispanic americans or hispanics in general receiving food stamps and government assistance and makes my stomach turn. Majority of people get off at decent times to pick up their children from school and be with them, but unfortunately not mine, I HAVE TO WORK TO SUPPORT THEM, BECAUSE MY HUSBAND CAN'T BE HERE TO HELP ME FINANCIALLY. Beautiful country we have. I am not angry at you sirs by any means, I am angry at the system.

Thank you

Lara Gutierrez

Husband waiting on immigration appointment